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Kiln Athletic Assoc. closing ceremonies

The Kiln Athletic Association will have its closing ceremony today, Thursday, June 30, at the Kiln Baseball field. Election for next year's officers will be held following the ceremony.

Fingerprinting for Hancock children

The Southern Miss Forensics and Wal-Mart Safety teams will sponsor fingerprinting for area children this Friday at the Waveland Wal-Mart from 1-5 p.m. \$1 donation.

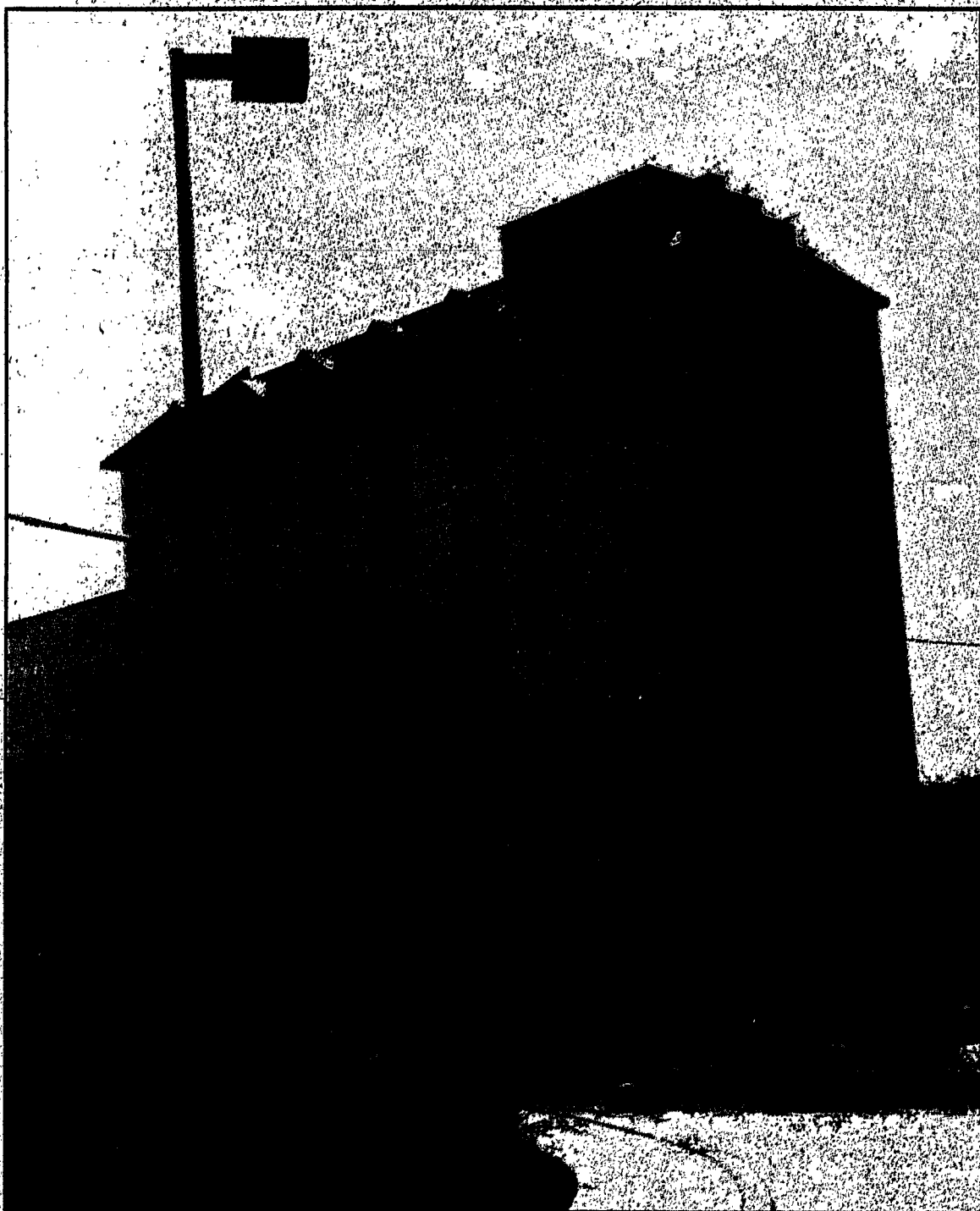
Benefit yard sale for Jacqueline Kerley fund

There will be a benefit yard sale this Saturday, July 2, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. at United Pentecostal Church in Waveland at Old Spanish Trail. Proceeds will benefit the Jacqueline Kerley Memorial Fund.

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AVOIDING DISASTER



Firefighters from the Bay St. Louis Fire Department conduct a training exercise on Tuesday so that they are adequately prepared in the event of a fire at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis's 14-story Bay Tower Hotel.

Bay Fire Dept. trains to take on 'The Tower'

BY JOHN WATERMAN
Staff Writer

The Bay St. Louis Fire Department and Casino Magic Bay St. Louis management staff have teamed up to conduct three days of evacuation and emergency response training in the casino's Bay Tower Hotel.

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Sex offenders must now get 'licenses' for identification

Hancock County's 57 registered offenders required to comply

BY JOHN WATERMAN
Staff Writer

A new policy from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, which will impose tougher requirements for sex offenders across the state, Hancock County's nearly-60 registered offenders among them goes into effect tomorrow. All sex offenders across the state of Mississippi will be required to report to a driver's license station where they will be issued a card similar to a driver's license.

The offender will also be required to report to a driver's

ver's service station every 90 days and update his/her photograph, employment, school status, and residency.

If offenders do not comply with these regulations, their driver's license will be suspended and the local sheriff's department will be notified.

In a press release from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Warren Strain, director of public affairs, said the system is being streamlined in order to take advantage of current computer technology and

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Former Waveland vineyard on map

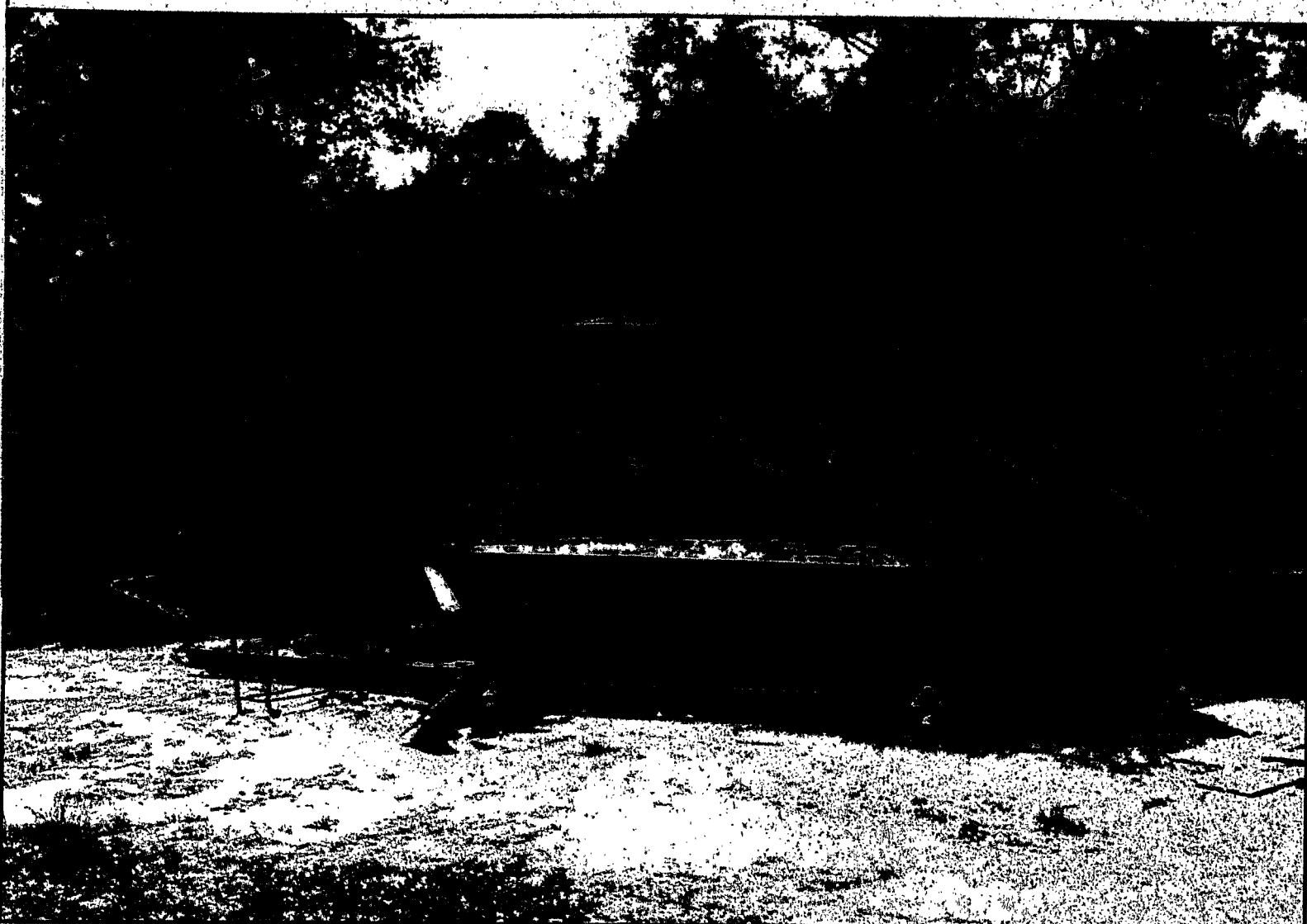
BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Many people have heard the old tales of the moonshine and white lightning brewed in homemade stills in the backwoods of some parts of Hancock County,

but few probably realize that the county was also the home of a famous vineyard before prohibition forced it to close its doors in 1920. Until then, the wines of Brown's Vineyard graced

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FIRE AT WHITE CYPRESS



A fire gutted a trailer at White Cypress Lakes on Sunday morning. No other surrounding property was damaged, but the house itself was left beyond repair. Trucks from the Lee Town Volunteer Fire Department responded to the blaze at 9:15 a.m. No one was injured, as the homeowners were not home at the time.

The first annual Pass in the Night Blue Ribbon Bed Race scheduled July 16

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Saturday, July 16 at 5 p.m. is the first annual bed race of Pass Christian.

What is a bed race? Teams will race against each other for the best time and the best decorated in a bed they have built and designed.

There is a race division for different age groups. Boys and girls, men and women, businesses, and clubs are welcome to participate in this race. The zanyer the bed, the better. Captain's Pajama Kick-Off Party at Perry's on the Beach.

The PC Blue Ribbon Bed Race is a part of the "The Pass in the Night" which is a tri-annual celebration held in downtown Pass Christian. It is sponsored by the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce and occurring the third Saturday of the months of

April, July, and October between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. "The Pass in the Night" is an outdoor street celebration bringing the community and business together highlighting the essence of Pass Christian. "The Pass in the Night" will showcase the richness of Pass Christian's culture which will be experienced through the charm and beauty of the downtown area, exhibited by the talents, and interests of the community, and the hard work and inventiveness of the local businesses of the land and sea.

The Pass in the Night is open to everyone and all ages. It is a family atmosphere with lots to do. If you love to compete, don't miss joining in the amateur cooking contest with judging by invited celebrity judges and with this July's food theme being shrimp and crab. Win

the prize for best dish and most spirited.

This July 16th event will also feature the music of "Red Velvet" with Lorinda Daniels playing jazz, pop, and dance sounds. The Pass Christian Public School Choir, led by David Chavers, will perform Broadway highlights. The Youth Ms. and Master Pass Christian Beauty Pageant will be held on Seaside Drive for babies to age 18 years old. The pageant will be a regular competition at the events in April, July, and with a Supreme winner chosen at the October event. Visit local business and shop owners during their open house.

The Pass Christian Police will be offering security Child Fingerprinting. In addition, Pass Christian Books is hosting a book signing for a visiting author; there will also be

various art and jewelry vendors and lots of great food and beverages.

Lazy Magnolia Brewery will be selling beer and Tigre's will open their patio for margaritas and specialty drinks. Lucio's Mexican Restaurant will serve some of their specialties. Revolutions, a local clothing shop and Beaches Hair Design have teamed up with volunteer models for the Pass-In-Style Show presenting the latest in local clothing and hairstyles. Selected individuals will even get a haircut and style on stage. Come be a part of this great Pass in the Night evening.

For more details contact the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce at 228-452-2252 or Chairperson Michelle Gilliam, Avery Gilliam Real Estate at 228-216-6999 or visit www.averygilliam.com.

Clifton 'Bubba' Chatman Memorial Benefit July 9

There will be a benefit at the National Guard Armory on Longfellow Rd. in Bay St. Louis on July 9 from 11 a.m. until for the family of Clifton "Bubba" Chatman.

Chatman was diagnosed with acute leukemia on March 11, 2005 and died from the disease 20 days later.

The benefit is to help his family cope with medical bills and final expenses. There will be a raffle of a

Red Cat 50 cc dirt bike, food, live entertainment, games, an auction and a turkey shoot.

The family is also in search of bands and donations for food and auction items. To make a donation, purchase a raffle ticket or for further information, please call Debbie at 985-732-4854 or 985-373-0206; Penny at 228-466-0239; Elaine at 228-467-2155; or Paula at 985-795-2516.

'Flags Across the Coast'

A montage of enlarged American Flag images is en route across the Coast being displayed at City Halls and Libraries is scheduled for Gulfport from July 1

through July 8 before being exhibited at Biloxi.

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'I Love America Day' fundraiser is Sunday

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Hancock North Central is the oldest and largest elementary school in Hancock County and until recently was using the original playground equipment.

When the 2005 school year began the playground was deemed unsafe. In March it was bulldozed away. Approximately 750 children, grades Pre-school through 5th had no playground this year and will otherwise have no playground next year.

There is no funding available from either the state or county to purchase needed replacement equipment.

Bayou Talla Fellowship in Kiln is partnering with the North Central Parent-Teachers Organization to

raise over \$20,000 to have a safe, serviceable playground installed before school begins in August.

To help raise these funds Bayou Talla will dedicate all the proceeds for it's 4th annual I Love America BBQ cookoff.

Each year the Kiln Church hosts the event to raise funds for some community need.

All funds collected for this event go to the community. There will be a morning service at 10 a.m. at the church to honor Hancock County Educators.

The Cook-off begins at 6 p.m. and will include steak, chicken, and assorted condiments. Various bands will be performing. Inflatable rides, dunking booths, and

games will be available with a giant fireworks display to end the evening.

The Sunday 6 p.m. Independence Day Weekend

event is open to everyone. Those wishing to participate in the cook-off or provide donations should call 255-1118 for information.

Crime prevention meeting set at Pearlington Library

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Want to learn more about fraud and identity theft? Or are you interested in protecting your home from vandals? A Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention meeting to answer these questions and more is set

for today, Thursday, June 30 at 5 p.m. at the Pearlington Public Library.

More information on the program is available by calling Deborah Hill at the Pearlington Public Library at 533-0755 or Jamie Elston at 467-5282.

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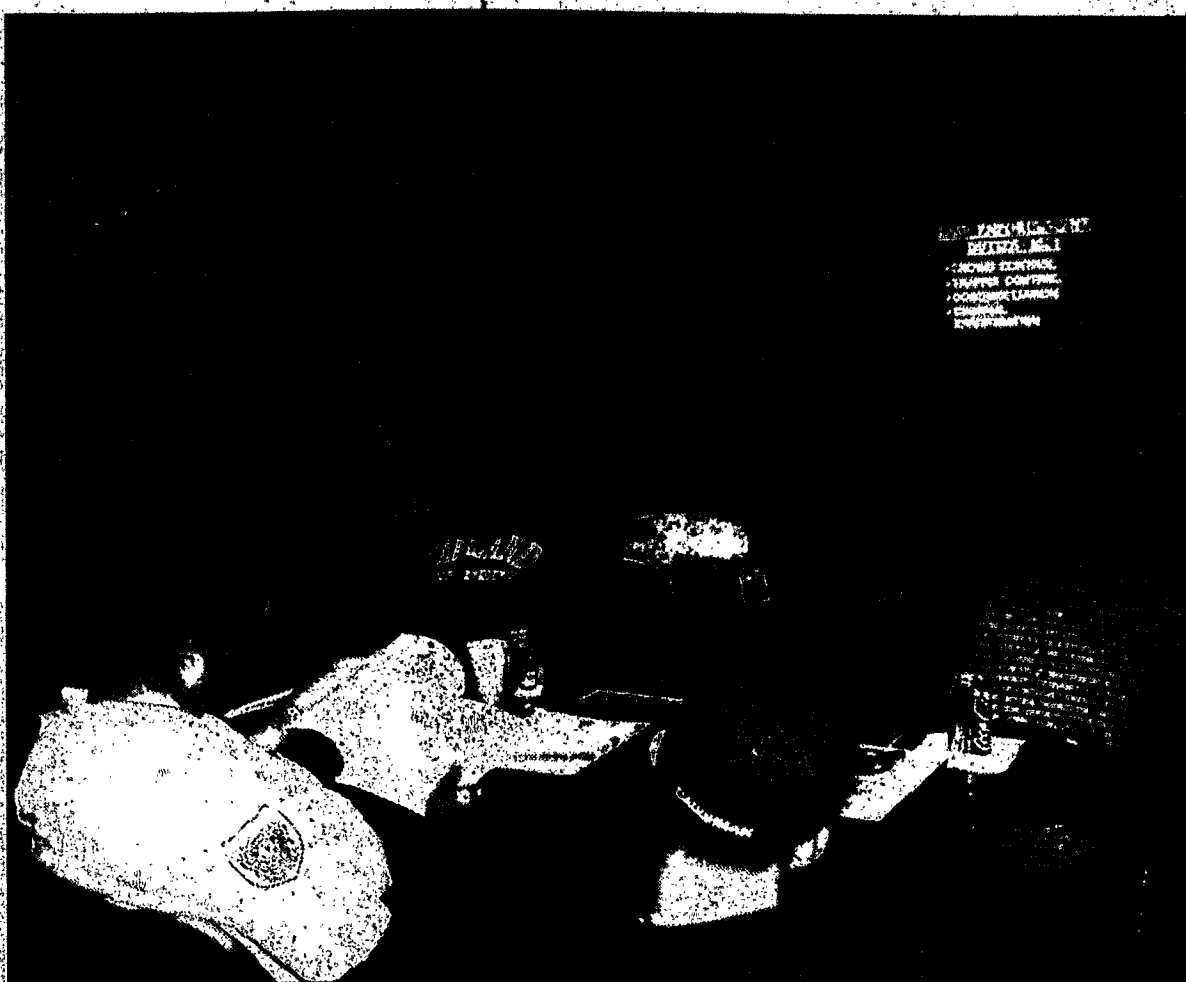
Waveland emergency workers take counterterrorism training

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Waveland police, firemen and public services employees gathered at American Legion Post 77 this week for a 20 hours of counter terrorism training. Sgt. Elmo Banning of the Sacramento Police Department and registration specialist/class coordinator Herman Littleton taught the course. Both are employees of the Regional Counter Drug Training Academy which is a branch of the Mississippi Military Department, National Guard. The company is based in Meridian.

The counter terrorism course grew from a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. Nationwide training of local first responders in counter terrorism measures may be relatively new, but the methods being used are tried and true, said Littleton. Many of the techniques have been in use by fire departments since the 1970's and later by many police departments in disaster or emergency situations. Instructors are experts in their fields of training, Littleton said.

The training incorporates the incident command system called for in Presidential Order # 5 after 911, said Littleton, which requires all emergency first responders to respond in a



Waveland first responders participated in a 20 hour counter terrorism course this week to learn uniform response in emergency situations.

uniform way to a disaster or emergency situation. During 911, Littleton said, it became obvious that there was a serious need for uniform training.

The training provides first responders with a blue print to follow in emergency situations, no matter what the circumstance, whether it be a bombing incident, a chemical spill or a natural

disaster. And first responders who may be arriving from other areas will use the same methods, terminology, organization and methods of communication.

Keeping the communications systems open is the number one priority in a disaster situation, said Banning, and usually the first system to collapse in unorganized situations.

Organization of emergency personnel is the next priority, he said. With RTCA training, roles are clearly defined and under the command of the incident commander, who has the first and final word on all decisions.

For more information on the RTCA training program access the web at www.rtca.org.

Aldermen vote to extend beach walkway

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

After weeks of debate on just how the city of Waveland should use remaining Tidelands funds, Aldermen voted unanimously on last week to request that the Department of Marine Resources allow the city to relocate existing moneys to be used for the extension of the beach hike and bike trail. Seventy-five percent of the \$416,000 remaining dollars will go toward the walkway construction and 25 percent will be retained for pier repairs and maintenance on the Garfield Ladner pier.

Aldermen were able to ask that moneys be relocated to the walkway because

of an existing application for additional Tidelands funds for the project, which will be disbursed in 2006. The application earmarks and additional \$120,000 for the project.

Joe Ziegler, from the Department of Marine Resources, told aldermen that if Tidelands funds were relocated to the walkway project, and later needed for pier repairs, that the funding agency would question allocating money for those repairs, since they had previously been available to the city and moved to another project.

Engineer Steve Ovanki of Compton Engineering said that he estimated the project would cost between \$700,000 and \$800,000 to take the walkway to where

the sand beach ends in Waveland. To carry the walkway over areas with no sand beach could cost more than a million, he said. Ideally, Ovanki said, the project should be completed in one phase because of the additional costs involved in mobilizing construction crews. But the project could be done in phases, he said.

A group of Waveland residents, many of whom recently formed the Public Information Committee, have been pushing city officials to allow remaining Tidelands funds to be used for the walkway.

In other business, two residents who said they live near South Coast Xtreme Sports skate park came to ask for help with what they described as loud

noise and obscenities coming from the loud speaker system at the park. The noise level and behavior are unacceptable, the residents said, and continued late into the evening some of the time.

They said that they had contacted the owner of the park, who told them that because of the commercial zoning, he was allowed to use the loud speakers until 11 p.m. The residents said that at times the noise was so extreme that they could not hear their television sets even with the windows closed. They asked that the city intervene. City attorney Zach Butterworth suggested that they get together with Police Chief Jimmy Varnell to work out a solution to the problem.

Blast in the Bay goes bowling for 2005

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The Bay St. Louis Firemen's Doll and Toy Fund will change its major fund raiser from a classic car show to a 9 Pin No-Tap Adult/Youth Bowling Tournament on Sunday, July 10 at the Park Ten Bowling Alley, Diamondhead.

For many years, car enthusiasts from Bay St. Louis and Hancock County have assisted the Doll and Toy Fund raise monies needed to support the annual drive to provide Christmas gifts for families in need.

"It was time for a change in activities. We wanted a

fund raising event that would involve children more actively, that did not compete with other existing events, and still raise adequate monies for the Doll and Toy Fund," said Louis Prendergast, local fire department Doll and Toy Fund coordinator.

For novices and bowling illiterates, a 9 Pin No-Tap tournament means if you knock down nine pins on your first roll you are credited with a strike. Each team will have one parent and one child make up the two person team. Gender and age is not an issue for this fun type of tournament.

There will be two rounds

of bowling, with prizes awarded at the end of each tournament. Cost to participate will be \$7 per person and one new toy.

"We will miss seeing the car owners and are extremely grateful for their help and support over the last seven years. They helped us raise public awareness for the support needed for children in Hancock County, and that our Doll and Toy fund was a good investment," said Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie.

More information will be released on the "Christmas in July Charity Tournament" as the event draws nearer. To volunteer

your help for the tournament or to assist the Doll and Toy Fund please contact Prendergast, 228-467-4736.

Death at the Depot writers' workshop

Death at the Depot Writers Workshop, presented by the Southeast Chapter, Mystery Writers of America (SEMWA), has been set for July 9 at the historic Bay St. Louis Depot from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Bookends Bookstore will be hosting this day-long skill build along with TheArts,

Hancock County and the Bay St. Louis Division of Cultural Affairs.

While directed at the mystery writers in the area, this is an excellent opportunity for all writers to hone their skills and meet with professionals regarding their work.

The cost of the workshop

is \$50 (\$40 for SEMWA members).

This workshop will be comprehensive and includes sessions by an agent, editors, and published mystery writers.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Have a safe 4th

Well, this is the big long July 4th weekend and many special events will be taking place.

Folks from the area will be visiting other areas, while many more folks will be coming to our watershore for all types of recreation.

One of the most popular events in Hancock County this weekend will be the 21st annual our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church's Crab Festival.

This three-day event is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day.

Many of OLG's parishioners work throughout the year on their special projects for the Crab Fest, as there will be all types of foods, crafts, flower booths, refreshment booths, and even special things for the youngsters too.

Each day too, there will be special free entertainment: such as on Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., the Mississippi National Guard 41st Army band; then the 4dB Friday evening from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, from 1 to 5 p.m., Matherne & Sunshine, and from 6 to 10 p.m., a regular performer, Keith Hoda Country Sounds; and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., Easy Street, while Shea and Michaels Band will perform from 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

If you have taste buds for seafood, here are some of the items you can enjoy from noon each day: stuffed crabs, crab-stuffed potatoes, crab and shrimp biscuits, fried crab claws, shrimp po-boys, jambalaya, fried catfish plates, boiled

seafood, crawfish etoufee, gumbo, even seafood lasagna and crawfish fettucini.

If you do not care for seafood, there will be such foods available as, red beans & rice, burgers, hot dogs, and desserts of all kinds, in addition to cotton candy and snowballs.

Interested in crafts, there will be 100 arts and crafts booths, rock climbing, crab races, raffles and a drawdown.

The OLG Crab Fest take place on the Fest grounds located behind the Church, South Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, next to the Bay's Old Town center.

A special event scheduled for Saturday afternoon around 2 p.m., is the annual Garden Isle's Community Boat parade, which is an annual July 4th weekend celebration.

Residents of the Community decorate their boats and parade the canals of the subdivision in addition to a section of the Jourdan River.

The event is topped off with a big Community Picnic, where all the residents bring some of their special foods and beverages.

With all of our visitors and activities means there will be lots of traffic on our highways, roadways and waterways this long weekend.

Please do not drink and drive, or operate a watercraft, far too many accidents occur in which drinking is involved.

I hope that each and everyone will have a safe and happy July 4th.

Killen verdict was a miracle

A trial jury of nine white and three black Neshoba Countyans last week wrote a dramatic new chapter in the annals of racial justice in this Deep South state, an historic achievement not possible 41 years ago.

That a biracial jury of Mississippians convicted a reprehensible 80-year-old ex-Klansman who used the cloak of "preacher," while plotting the 1964 murders of three young men who came to the county on a noble mission to help black people attain the right to vote, is little short of miraculous.

I can rightly use the word "miracle," having closely watched over many years the precedents for such

black-white civil rights crimes in this state, but never one that has gone unpunished so long.

When Circuit Judge Marcus Gordon meted out to Edgar Ray Killen a sentence of 20 years on each of three counts—the maximum punishment for the crime of manslaughter—that made it virtually certain Killen, now gaunt and toothless, will spend the rest of his life in prison.

The 12-member Neshoba jury found Killen guilty of manslaughter in the deaths of Michael Schwerner, 24, James Earl Chaney, 22, and Andy Goodman, 20. Though manslaughter is a lesser crime than murder, in Killen's case, it serves the

same end and detracts not in the least from the jury's historic decision.

Nor should the dogged dedication of the two prosecutors in the case, Atty. Gen. Jim Hood and Neshoba Dist. Atty. Mark Duncan, as well as former Atty. Gen. Mike Moore, be minimized in any way.

As a journalist I closely covered each step in the agony, travail and yes, largely unappreciated, valiant efforts of others 41 years ago to bring a measure of justice for the lynch-style crime that galvanized national sentiment for the civil rights movement and led in no small measure to Congress passing the 1964 Civil Rights Act which sounded the death knell of white supremacy in the South.

A miracle of racial justice delayed 41 years did not happen spontaneously or

without these important, sometimes unnoticed, contributing factors:

* First, unless then-President Lyndon Johnson, even with Vietnam on his mind, had not taken a personal interest in the fate of Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman when they went missing in June, 1964 (as the LBJ tapes of his conversations with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover clearly reveal) it's doubtful that Hoover, known to be insensitive to the civil rights struggle, would have poured dozens of agents into Mississippi to crack the case and identify Killen as well as other participants in the lynching.

* Mississippi Gov. Paul B. Johnson knew that five years earlier Gov. J.P. Coleman turned over to the local district attorney evi-

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Eyes on Mississippi

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Condomania - a request for reflection on the part of our elected officials

Change is not always progress.

I recall an incident among my close associates some years ago, in which an advisor played a healing part in a deeply entrenched problem. When it seemed to be resolving, I thanked the advisor for his help, and he said that in his many years of handling similar matters, he had observed that "over time, things change." I felt immediately relieved, even a bit comfortable, until after a brief pause, he said, "not always for the better."

And so, change is not always for the better. We need not imagine anything so dire as the Great Depression to make that point, although in scanning across the faces of the Board of Supervisors and the Planning and Zoning Committee, I don't see any that would be old enough to remember it anyway.

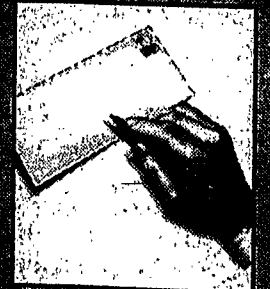
But in recent times, we have had some real changes, not for the better. Take for example, the stock

market "correction" of 1987 or the oil bust of the 80s, the latter leaving New Orleans with a population reduction of 10% and 30,000 vacant and boarded-up houses. Then there was the crash of the dot-coms and the Nasdaq reductions of the 90s, which still leaves many holding 60% lower values. Many of us in Hancock County are resisting change to high density condo developments for reasons of loss of pristine natural settings, higher taxes, crowded and dangerous traffic, public costs for infrastructure, declining environment necessary to fish, shrimp, crabs, etc.

All valid reasons. But we are also concerned about the forces that drive such development. Is it possible that we are on the thin surface of a bubble, that when popped will leave us with none of the perceived advantages and only the losses?

One need not look far for warnings. In the month of

Letters to the Editor



May alone, there have been numerous warnings. Take, for example, the May 27 article in the New York Times by Paul Krugman, a highly respected columnist. Krugman makes the point that the lower interest rates that have been injected into the economy have artificially created a construction boom and higher consumer spending, "because homeowners used mortgage refinancing to go deeper into debt." There was, he states, the assumption that when the boom ended, it would not be needed any longer to bolster the economy. "We

have not yet paid the price for our past excesses. An economist at Pimco, the giant bond fund, predicted that the Federal Reserve would simply replace one bubble with another...If housing prices actually started falling, we'd be looking at a very nasty scene. He reminds us that Alan Greenspan, who once warned of "irrational exuberance" regarding the stock market now says we have "the characteristics of bubbles" in housing.

What has all this to do

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Condos -- letters to the editor

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with condos? Krugman points out that 23% of homes sold last year were bought for investment purposes, not as residences, and in 31%, payments called for interest only financing. This gives a better picture of to whom and how condos at Bayou Caddy and Clermont Harbor might be sold.

Another article in the Times, on May 21, by Edmund Andrews, quotes Greenspan about the housing market: "It's an unsustainable underlying pattern." He pointed to the increase in speculation in purchases, highlighting second homes. (Read: "condos.") Andrews gives credit to the Fed for having raised short-term interest rates eight times in the last year, but points out that long-term rates have actually declined in the last year, thus giving more impetus to speculation. He states, "Greenspan

has been criticized by some for failing to pre-emptively puncture the stock market bubble, which burst in March 2000, and some analysts criticize the Federal Reserve now for creating a housing bubble." Andrews points out that "speculative activity has increased over the last year, including people buying and reselling... before construction is even completed.... There has been solid data as well pointing to rapid price increase in second-home markets, reports of many more individuals buying houses and condominiums as investment rather than as places to live, and to heavy use of interest-only loans and adjustable rate mortgages that allow purchasers to buy considerably more expensive properties than would otherwise be possible. Mr. Greenspan acknowledged on Friday that many

people were 'reaching' to finance their purchases."

Yet again another Times article (May 24, by Jennifer Bayot) quotes an economist as saying that "speculation rather than demographics is driving a substantial portion of sales." Alan Greenwood "warned last week that parts of the country showed signs of 'froth.'"

And there are other articles and news accounts. Today's Times-Picayune (Money section, May 29) quotes Roger Ogden, "When I get leery is when too many people are building the same kind of thing... flipping is rampant... Many markets are overbuilt." Julian Hertz, a large owner of commercial property, says he is "skeptical not only of the Miami market but also of the condo market in general... A sign of trouble is when so-called flipping begins in earnest. That's when speculators

buy as many units of a condo as they can and quickly sell them, or flip them... [That] is a sign that potentially damaging price bubbles have formed. And flipping has become common in Florida... When bubbles pop, many lose. And when price bubble pops in one market, it tends to spill over into others."

Questions forcefully arise in the minds of those of us who are concerned. Officials who are representing the residents of the affected communities are charged with protecting our interests, not the interests of developers. Yet it appears to an observer that decisions are being made that are proposal driven.

Legitimate questions to be answered by our officials include the following:

Are there market surveys done by independent analysts?

Have feasibility studies been done by the potential lenders?

Have our officials demanded them?

If they have been done, why not let the public know what they say?

In addition, a May 4 letter to Mr. Pullman regarding the board's obligation to inform the public about wetlands construction under Executive Order 11990 has not been answered.

Why not?

Much of what the public knows is essentially in the form of rumors, as our officials have told us little. Our information is gleaned through a few news accounts, sometimes fed by the developers themselves. We are even now guessing at whether there will be 2,000 or 10,000 condo units.

These facts constitute an absurdity. It is up to our officials to represent their true constituents.

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Minor -- Killen verdict

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dence the FBI gathered in cracking the classic Mack Charles Parker lynching case at Poplarville. The DA never even presented the evidence to a grand jury and none of the seven lynch party participants identified by the FBI were ever arrested or prosecuted in the case.

From his own intelligence sources, Johnson had learned that the Neshoba circuit court judge who would preside over any trial of the Klansmen accused in the murders of the civil rights workers had been seen earlier attending Ku Klux Klan meetings; also the local DA had been a member of the state Sovereignty Commission.

(The above should answer why the state had not back in 1964 prosecuted Killen or others for the slayings of the civil rights workers.)

* Since Johnson knew that no conviction for the slayings would happen if Neshoba County authorities

were handed the FBI's massive findings from its intensive three-month-long probe of the case—under constant local harassment—the governor made what history has proved to be a strategically wise decision to ask the feds to pursue prosecution of the case rather than the state.

* The feds, led by John Doar, the Justice Department veteran of many Mississippi civil rights battles, pushed for indictments of 18 Klansmen from the Meridian and Neshoba area, using the toughest federal punishment available under an 1870s civil rights conspiracy law that carried a maximum of 10 years in prison.

* In a momentous 1967 trial before stern U.S. District Judge Harold Cox in Meridian, seven Klansmen were convicted and given sentences ranging up to six years, and an eighth man pleaded guilty. When one woman juror held out against conviction,

Killen got a mistrial. But his identity as a key figure in the civil rights murders was made clear in the government evidence. Very likely without Killen being thrust into the public domain in that trial, he would have never surfaced again as a prime target for the state to reopen the case decades later.

* That evidence, including testimony of now-deceased accomplices in the 41-year-old murders, provided key elements in the historic state prosecution of Killen.

* Although the jury which found Killen guilty of manslaughter deserves high praise, the reality is that if Atty. Gen. Hood had not given the jury the manslaughter alternative to a verdict of murder, the case very likely would have ended in a mistrial or acquittal, since the state had no "smoking gun" piece of evidence.

What's changed in Mississippi between the 1960s and now that has made possible the historic reopening of the infamous Neshoba case and other notable civil rights slayings that went unpunished for decades?

U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D. GA), the brave, oft-battered hero of the 60s civil rights movement, provided the best answer the other day: "it's because there's a new breed of elected officials in Mississippi."

That, plus a red-haired investigative news reporter named Jerry Mitchell, who wouldn't let the case be pushed to the back burner.

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Mississippi Teen



SaSha Williamson of Bay St. Louis was crowned Saturday, May 29, Miss Mississippi Teen by the National American Miss Pageant held at the Imperial Palace. She was the winner among 61 talented contestants. She took home \$2,000 and will be representing Mississippi at Anaheim, CA in November for the National American Miss Queen title. She is the daughter of Sabrina & Robin Williamson and the granddaughter of Don and Mayvalan Hudson of Bay St. Louis. She graduated with honors from Hancock High school and will be attending University of Southern Mississippi in the fall to obtain degrees in polymer science and marketing.

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Hurricane hunters fly first operational mission

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The first storm of the 2005 hurricane season came a little early this year appearing in the Pacific off the coast of Central America. Hurricane Adrian also marked the beginning of a new era in weather reconnaissance for the Hurricane Hunters of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron.

When thunderous winds threatening El Salvador formed Tropical Storm Adrian in the Pacific this week, the National Hurricane Center called on Air Force Reserve Command's Hurricane Hunters to get a fix on the storm's location.

This mission was the first operational tasking in which the crew piloted a WC-130J into an active hurricane.

The unit has been in conversion to the new airframe during the past few seasons, ensuring it is a stable platform to conduct weather reconnaissance. During previous seasons, the unit has flown the J-model into storms for training and evaluation, but has never before fulfilled such a tasking from the NHC in the J-model.

The Hurricane Hunters were tasked to fix the location of Tropical Storm Adrian, near El Salvador, which was immediately upgraded to Hurricane Adrian during the first leg of their reconnaissance mission. During the 11-hour flight, winds reached 105 mph at flight-level and eventually forced up to 20,000 residents to flee their homes before weakening as it moved inland in the wee hours this morning.

The crew reported that the aircraft made significant improvements in their operational awareness dur-

ing the mission.

The J-model features a "glass" cockpit packed with the latest in computer assisted flight and navigational controls allowing crews to focus on their in-flight tasks.

"The plane performed very well. The biggest difference was our increased situational awareness," said Lt. Col. Dave Borsi, aircraft commander. "Because of the new computer system, we were better able to see where we were in the storm. While we were there, data we provided led to the NHC upgrading it to a hurricane, giving the people along the coast a more accurate picture of what to expect."

"The WC-130J and the 403rd team were vital in our ability to provide the people of El Salvador and Honduras advanced warning of Adrian's landfall and potential impacts in El Salvador and neighboring countries," said Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center. "I note, with pride, that El Salvador's President, Antonio Saca, interrupted a national press conference to advise his nation of this latest data, including information from the aircraft."

Aerial Reconnaissance Weather Officers, who collect and transmit information from the aircraft directly to the NHC, noted that it has taken some time and patience to develop software and to adapt computer systems to the unique needs of the storm reconnaissance mission.

"It has taken six years to create the best system possible to produce the most accurate data for the meteorological analyses during flight," said Lt. Col. Steve Renwick, the mission's weather officer instructor. "Our first evaluation

occurred during Hurricane Lenny, six summers ago. We've come a long way since."

The new weather console is significantly improved from its predecessor's configuration. The weather officer now sees simultaneous displays of the weather data as well as instruments monitored by other crew members that are vital to performing the job.

"In the H-model, we had to look over the navigator's shoulder to see the basic radar pattern," Renwick said. The new system now places the weather officer in the cargo area rather than on the flight deck allowing immediate observation of sea-surface winds, a critical part of storm assessment.

In addition, changes to the way the data is collected and delivered to the NHC have been improved to reduce confusion, according

to officials at the NHC. Enhancements in the new J-model allow "Vortex Messages," which provide essential hurricane position and intensity information, to distinguish between the time the storm centered "fix" is made and the later time the Vortex Message is disseminated after the data collection, quality control, and processing for the message are completed. Frequent confusion between "fix" and "dissemination" times was not possible with the H-model data and was a source of misunderstanding.

Lt. Col. Jon Talbot, also an ARWO, who was on his first mission in the new aircraft during a storm said, "All the software and hardware worked as advertised. Situational awareness is much improved over the H-Model."

Maintenance teams

recovering the aircraft also reported that the aircraft held up well under the stresses of a storm environment.

"We haven't found any problems with the propellers," said Maj. Kelvin McElroy, commander, 403rd Maintenance Squadron. The props on the J-model are six-bladed and are made of a composite material, differing significantly from the four-bladed configuration of the older H-models.

Maintenance noted a few routine messages that are typical after any storm, but were able to quickly assess them using a computerized diagnostic system. This is a marked change from the recovery process of the older aircraft that included many analog systems and instruments. Today, crew chiefs plug in a portable computer that pinpoints any concerns and tells them what is need-

ed to make corrections.

The 53rd WRS is a squadron assigned to the 403rd Wing, Commander of the 403rd, Brig. Gen. Richard Moss, said the Hurricane Hunters are ready to complete the transition to the new aircraft this season.

"This mission is the culmination of a lot of work enabling the WC-130J to perform its mission. Increased situational awareness of the crew and the increased safety of the J-model's performance enhance the unit's ability to locate and pinpoint these dangerous storms," said General Moss. "These same capabilities also allowed the unit's sister squadron to recently complete a highly successful tour in Southwest Asia. This simply goes to show that the C-130J will be a great asset to the Air Force."

Livin' Doll



Chelsey Kihneman of Bay St. Louis won queen at Mississippi's Livin' Doll Pageant on Friday, June 24, 2005. Her parents are Paula Massey and Johnathan Kihneman.

4th of July hunting seminar and fireworks extravaganza

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The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identified potential sources of contamination. The general susceptibility rankings assigned to each well of this system are provided immediately below. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water system and is available for viewing upon request. The wells for the Diamondhead Water have received a moderate susceptibility ranking to contamination.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mike Collard at 228-255-5813 Ext. 4. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 AM at 4425 Park Ten Dr.

The Diamondhead Water routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2004. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2004, the table reflects the most recent results. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

TEST RESULTS								
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants								
5. Alpha emitters	N	2002*	1	No Range	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminants

10. Barium	N	2004	.013	.010 - .013	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2004	4	2-4	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2001*	.107	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
17. Lead	N	2001*	4	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection By-products

HAA5	N	2004	.013	No Range	ppm	0	.060	By-Product of drinking water disinfection.
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* Most recent sample. No sample required for 2004.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected however the EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791.

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Business News

Grand opening



Telecom Communications, 454 Highway 90, Suite 11, Waveland, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. In attendance were Leman Ryan, Chris Hartsfield, Angela Villarreal, owner John Russell and daughters Montana and India, Jolene Jashurek, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, Ron Calcagno and many others. The new business is an agent for Cingular and features wireless phones and accessories. The store is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Echo staff photo by John Waterman)

American Eagle adds service to Dallas/Fort Worth area

American Eagle, the regional affiliate of American Airlines, will add nonstop service between Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport and Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport beginning October 30. American Eagle will operate two daily round-trip flights between the two cities using 50-seat Embraer ERJ-145 jets.

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People's Financial dividend raised

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The board of directors of Peoples Financial Corporation (NASDAQ Small Cap: PFBX), parent of The Peoples Bank, increased the holding company's regular semiannual cash dividend to \$0.20 per common share, payable July 15, 2005, to stockholders of record July 8, 2005.

The new dividend is 11.1% more than the current dividend of \$0.18 per share paid in January, 2005. The latest raise is the fifth consecutive increase in the semiannual dividend, dating back to the second quarter of 2003. The new annu-

alized dividend of \$0.38 per share for 2005 is 19% more than dividends paid in 2004 and 46% more than paid in 2003.

"Our consistently higher earnings and the surge of economic activity on the Mississippi Gulf Coast have given our board the confidence to raise the dividend to our stockholders for the fifth consecutive time in the last two years," said Chevis C. Swetman, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the holding company and the bank. "In fact, the board has taken a prudent, conservative approach to the dividend

level by factoring in only our ongoing net earnings exclusive of extraordinary items," he added.

First quarter 2005 earnings included a one-time gain for the proceeds of the PULSE EFT Association Exchange and the recovery of a loan that had earlier been classified as impaired.

Founded in 1896, with \$645 million in assets as of March 31, 2005, The Peoples Bank operates 16 full-service branches and 37 ATMs along the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Hancock, Harrison, Jackson and Stone counties. In addition to a comprehensive range of retail and com-

mercial banking services, the bank also operates an asset management department that has provided customers with financial, estate and retirement planning services since 1936. The Peoples Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Peoples Financial Corporation, listed on the NASDAQ Small Cap Market under the symbol PFBX. Additional information is available on the Internet at www.thepeoples.com.

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May unemployment rate up

The state's unemployment rate rose by a full point to 7.3 percent the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) announced Tuesday.

The May unadjusted rate was up from the 6.3 percentage rate for April and 1.2 points higher than April's 6.1 percent a year ago.

The number of employed Mississippians rose by 3,700 while the number of unemployed Mississippians rose by 14,500.

The Nation's unadjusted rate of 4.9 percent remained the same as April's rate, while the national adjusted rate of 5.1 percent was down by one tenth of a point.

Job gains were reported in Construction, Manufacturing, and Educational and Health Services. Sectors reporting job losses were in Trade, Transportation and Utilities and Professional and Business Services.

Twenty-seven counties reported unemployment rates equal to or less than

Mississippi's 7.3 rate with Desoto's 4.6 rate holding the only rate under 5.0. Rankin and Lamar County followed with 5.0 unemployment rates.

Fourteen out of the 82 counties posted double-digit unemployment rates, with Jefferson at the lead with 14.7 percent and Noxubee at 13.1 percent.

"We expect the unemployment rate to continue to rise in June when the bulk of the student workers seek jobs," said Liz Barnett, Public Information Director.

Mississippi Power's Plant Watson wins 'Keep Mississippi Beautiful' award

For the fourth consecutive year, Mississippi Power's sponsorship and support of Harrison County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has resulted in a Keep Mississippi Beautiful Award.

In 2004, more than 840 citizens dropped off thousands of pounds of hazardous waste for proper disposal.

Items collected included: 3,225 gallons of hazardous chemicals; 1,850 gallons of motor oil; 2,700 tires; 529 car batteries; and 15,495 pounds of white goods.

Electronic goods were also collected for the first time last year and more than six tons of old computers, cell phones, televisions, VCRs and other products

with hazardous compounds in them were dropped off. Approximately 120 volunteers - most of whom were Mississippi Power employees and local students - worked at the event.

The event has been recognized with numerous other awards, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's prestigious Gulf Guardian Award.

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Obituaries

ROBERT BOUNDS HOLICE FORTENBERRY ALTON PRUDHOMME CHAD ROGERS WILLIAM STEWART GEORGE TRIM WILLIAM TROSCLAIR



ROBERT BOUNDS
Robert Clark Bounds, Sr., 80, of Bradenton, passed away on June 23, 2005 at Blake Medical Center in Bradenton, Florida.

He was born March 30, 1925 in Milford, Texas. He was a WWII veteran and a lifetime member of the VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Carmen, of 56 years, children Allan (Lisa) Bounds of The Woodlands, Texas, Susanne (David) Mayley of Bay St. Louis, MS, Kinsman (Jill) Bounds of Mandeville, Louisiana, Robert (Sherrell) Bounds, Jr., of Parrish, FL, grandchildren Weston Mayley and Ashley Mayley Ledet of Bay St. Louis, MS, Grant Bounds of The Woodlands, Texas, Amanda and Emily Bounds of Mandeville, Louisiana, Logan Bounds of Parrish, FL, sisters Mary Nell Smith of Fort Worth, Texas, Shirley York of Alvarado, Texas and Charlotte Wooten of Fort Worth, Texas.

Inurnment services will be held at a later date at the Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS.

Local arrangements have been entrusted to Shannon Funeral Home Town Chapel. Online condolences may be made at www.shannonfuneralhomes.com.

HOLICE FORTENBERRY
Holice Fortenberry, 86, of Picayune, died June 25, 2005 in Picayune.

He was a native of Tylertown, MS, and a veteran of WWII. He was a retired Picayune Police officer and member of Stewart of St. James A.M.E.

His is survived by wife Emma Fortenberry; sons, Holice Jr., Kenneth, Jeffery, all of Picayune, and Marty of Jackson, MS; daughters, Odessa Lewis of Frisco, TX, Faith Jackson and Gail Fortenberry of Picayune; brother Lynell Wallace Weary of Jackson, MS; 17 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren.

Visitation noon until 1 p.m. service on Friday, July 1, at Pleasant Valley Baptist, Picayune. Burial in Picayune Cemetery.

Baylous Funeral Home in charge.

ALTON PRUDHOMME
Alton Joseph Prudhomme, 72, of Waveland, MS died Monday, June 27, 2005 in Biloxi, MS.

He was a native of Iota, LA and a resident of Waveland, MS for the past 30 years. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Carville & Rosalie Slaughter Prudhomme and sisters and brothers.

He is survived by 2 brothers, Andson D. Prudhomme of Egan, LA, William Prudhomme of Carencro, LA; 2 sisters, Lois P. Menard of Lafayette, LA, Nora P. Sonnier of Lafayette, LA and many nieces and nephews.

His service will be held at a later date. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge.

CHAD ROGERS
Chad Paul Kelly Rogers, age 21, a native of Dallas, TX, and a resident of Mobile, AL, died Tuesday, June 28, 2005. He was a former resident of Hattiesburg and was a manager with Taco Bell Restaurants.

He is survived by his parents, Paul Eugene and

Teresa Younger Rogers of Hattiesburg; sister, Tosha DeWitt of Scott County, Iowa; brother Ryan Bobby Dane Rogers of Hattiesburg; and grandparents Bobby Joe and Marilyn Rogers of Hattiesburg.

A celebration of Chad's life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 1, at the Bayou Talla Fellowship in Kiln on Hwy 43.

Cremation arrangements are by Fairhope Funeral Home, Fairhope, AL.

WILLIAM STEWART
The Honorable William L. Stewart, retired Chancery Court Judge, surrounded by his family, died June 24, 2005 at the Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

Judge Stewart, a lifelong (sixth generation) resident of Harrison County, was born in the Woolmarket community on November 26, 1930. Known to his schoolmates as "Billy Lynn," Stewart was a graduate of Gulfport High School, Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi School of Law. Judge Stewart served in the United States Navy from 1954 to 1956 during the Korean conflict.

Upon graduation from law school, he joined the staff of Congressman William M. Colmer in Washington D.C. where he served with distinction until 1964. In 1964, he returned home to Gulfport where he entered the private practice of law with the law firm of Palmer, Stewart and Gaines. From 1968 to 1978, Judge Stewart was elected as the Harrison County Prosecuting Attorney.

Beginning in 1979, Judge Stewart was elected to the first of many successive terms as a Chancery Court Judge for the Eighth Judicial District of Mississippi (Harrison, Hancock, and Stone Counties). Judge Stewart took Senior status in 1999, but continued to hear special cases for several years thereafter.

He was predeceased by

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Stewart, Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; three children, William C. Stewart, Amy Stewart Hickman (John), and David W. Stewart (Denise); two step-children, Scott Mitteer (Shelby) and Jennifer Ibele (Charles); one brother, Al (Pat) Stewart; two sisters, Doris Jean Stewart and Celia Frances; (Bob) Waterbury; four grandchildren, Jacob Hickman, Jason Hickman, Will Stewart and Mary Camille Stewart; two step-grandchildren, Taylor Ibele and Erica Ibele and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Bobby Waterbury, John Kitch, Jeffrey Kitch, Jeff Stewart, Scott Waterbury, Jimmy Kitch (absent on Military duty) and relatives Lee Stewart, Glen Ray Stewart and Bob Shore.

The funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue, Gulfport, where friends may visit one hour prior to the service. Interment was in Coalville Cemetery, Woolmarket, MS. An online guestbook may be viewed and signed via riemannfuneralhomes.com

GEORGE TRIM
George Trim, 88, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died Friday, June 24, 2005 in Bay St. Louis.

He was a native of McNeill, MS, and owner of Trim Grocery and Oil Company.

He is survived by wife Betty J. Trim of Bay St. Louis; son George Larry Trim of Lawrenceville, GA; daughter Shirley Elaine Herrin of Alabaster, AL; 5 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 1 great grand daughter.

Visitation will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Sunday, June 26 at McDonald Funeral Home and on Monday, June 27 from 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. funeral service at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

Saints in Picayune, MS. McDonald Funeral Home is in charge.

WILLIAM TROSCLAIR
William Augustus Troscclair, 56, of Bay St. Louis, MS died Saturday, June 25, 2005 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was a native of Houma, LA and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS for the past 11 years. He was of the Baptist Faith.

He is preceded in death by his father, John Walter Troscclair.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Troscclair of Bay St. Louis, MS; 3 sons, Peter Troscclair, William Troscclair, Jr., and Joshua Troscclair, all of Bay St. Louis, MS; 4 daughters, Lethia Troscclair Smith of Gulfport, MS, Elizabeth Troscclair of Houma, LA, Cherie Troscclair of Bay St. Louis, MS, and Catrining Troscclair of Bay St. Louis, MS; mother, Louella Troscclair of Houma, LA; brother, James Troscclair of Houma, LA; and 3 grandchildren. His services will be private at a later date.

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Stephen Peterman to host charity fishing tournament for Hope Haven

Stephen Peterman, one of the newest Dallas Cowboys players, will host a charity fishing tournament at the Grand Casino Biloxi on July 8 and 9 to benefit Hope Haven Children's Shelter in Waveland. Peterman, who hails from Waveland, Mississippi played ball at St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis and then attended LSU where he was drafted by the Cowboys. He was injured in his first season, but, after extensive therapy, he is now 100% fit and "ready to play."



Stephen Peterman will host a charity fishing tournament for Hope Haven on July 8 and 9.

The Peterman family are long time owners and operators of Peterman's Grocery Store and several other small businesses clustered together on Coleman Ave. in Waveland. The family businesses have been around for years and are integral parts of the community and strong supporters of Hope Haven, the local shelter for abused children.

"We are absolutely thrilled that Stephen is staging this charity tournament to help us," Stated Terry Latham, Hope Haven Director. "We had great support from the community last year but when people see all of that support they turn their attention elsewhere. This year we have received over \$100,000 less in donations, so this tournament is really important to us."

The tournament will be held at the Grand Casino in Biloxi and will start at 6 a.m. There will be several categories for small boats and large boats including trout, red fish, flounder, snapper, cobia and king mackerel along with a host of great prizes and an evening reception for all.

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Vineyard -- Waveland history

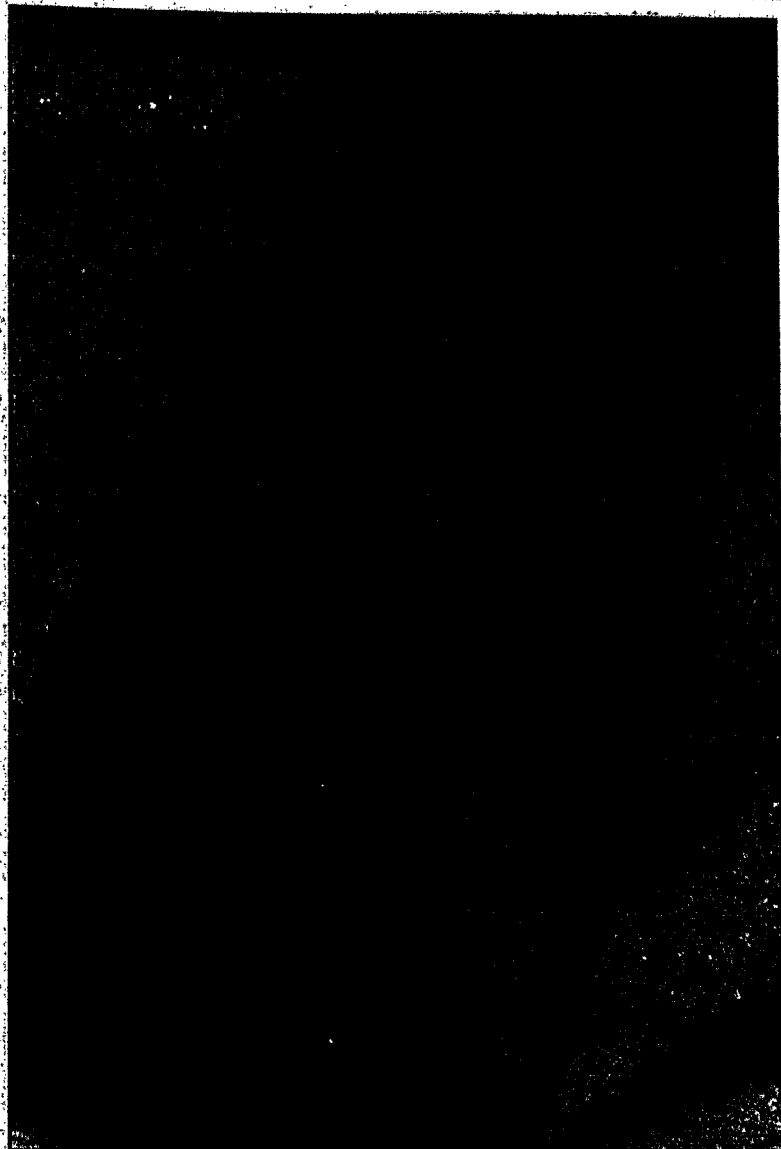
many tables across the country.

The old property, located in part where Lil Ray's restaurant now stands on Hwy. 90 in Waveland, was marked with a historical monument on Wednesday. About 30 people turned out for the dedication.

Brown's Vineyard was owned by the Frederick W. Braun's, later Brown, a German couple who bought 200 to 300 acres and planted Scuppernon grapes on about 100 acres of the property, establishing the vineyard in 1874.

The vineyard was known all along the coast for its beautiful grape arbors and serene setting. Visitors gathered at the vineyard for tours and picnics, as well as parties and dances held in a hall or at the pavilion at the site. Many visitors were carried in horse-drawn carriages called "tally ho's." Local hotels and summer rental cottages brought their patrons to visit the vineyard.

When the elder Braun died in 1902, son Albert C. Brown continued the tradition assisted by his elderly, but active mother. Visitors flocked to the vineyard to try the wine and later to



A perfectly preserved bottle of wine from the old Brown's Vineyard. In a Sea Coast Echo article dated August of 1903 the beverage is described as "a wholesome and nourishing pleasant drink."

stay for camping as well as quail and turkey hunting on the weekends. The site also housed a home designed in old county style by the elder Braun and a summerhouse.

When prohibition came into law in January of 1920 the vineyard was forced to close its doors. The remaining wine stock, bottled in green glass bottles had to be buried. Some were broken. An unopened, intact bottle from the vineyard is on display at the Hancock County Historical Society.

When the Kidd's, who now own part of the old property, put up a new building, trenches dug for

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water and sewer line unearthed many more bottles and the old wine press. Ray Kidd says he is not sure what happened to the old wine, which was still corked, or the press. They were lost in the shuffle, Kidd said. Rumors have it though, that there are still many more bottles buried around the site.

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Rescuers

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Chief officers from regional fire departments were invited to critique the Bay Fire Department's performance, and offer suggestions if needed.

During the exercise, firefighters from the Bay Fire Department arrived in full gear and entered the building with all the equipment they would need in the case of an actual fire.

The second floor of the hotel had been set up a mock-fire, with signs on certain rooms denoting the amount of smoke and fire in the area. Several Casino Magic Staff Members stood in as victims.

The firefighters were expected to react accordingly.

"We'll train every shift of our firefighting team with live exercises, setting up incident command structures and deploying 'high rise packs' and standpipe

connections as though it was an 'actual emergency,' said Rusty Shultz, training coordinator with the Bay St. Louis Fire Department.

Pam Sanfillippo, Deputy Fire Chief, said the Bay Fire Department wanted to conduct drills at many of the high-risk areas, including The Bay Towers.

"If there were to be a problem there, that's something that we know we'll have to manage," Sanfillippo said. "It's the largest structure with the largest occupancy that we have to deal with."

Future drills at Notre Dame and Hancock Medical center are also in the works, she said. The Bay Tower Hotel is the highest structure in the city with 14 floors and 291 rooms. The first 15 minutes of arriving at the scene of an emergency are the most critical moments in effective emer-

gency response time. The firefighters must respond, assess the situation and dispatch resources with police, emergency medical technicians and property authorities as quickly as possible to properly protect the public.

"We train three days a week and look forward to integrating this training into critical infrastructure facilities such as our high schools, hospitals, retirement homes, correctional facilities and hotels," said Shultz.

"We're working closely with Casino Magic's Security Department and the local fire department to train our team members in case of an emergency and plan to continue to make this part of our program," said Rick Welborn, Safety Coordinator in the Risk Management Department at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Offenders

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eliminate the dependence on paper files.

Gov. Haley Barbour praised the new initiative, saying it would provide great assistance to law enforcement agencies in combating sex crimes.

"This law is another vital link in the chain of protecting the children of this state. It provides the needed mechanism to keep the Department of Public Safety updated and informed on the whereabouts of convicted sex offenders," Barbour said.

57 registered sex offenders live in Hancock County alone. Many of them were charged with offenses relating to minors. According to the Mississippi Sex Offender Registry, eight of

these offenders have been listed as non-compliant.

Rita Watson, an investigator with the Hancock County Sheriff's said she had already signed charges against these eight individuals for non-compliance. She said the new law should help keep better track of sex offenders.

"I'm glad the laws are toughening up. It's not going to be perfect, but it'll help."

While more stringent laws often serve as a deterrent, she said, this law was not a cure-all.

"We have unconvicted sex offenders out there," she said. "There are people who were arrested for felony charges that were reduced. It's not uncommon that they

will reduce the charge, so the child involved will not have to testify."

Sometimes, she said, the charge may be reduced to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. This charge is also used against people who provide cigarettes and alcohol to minors.

Assistant District Attorney Chris Schmidt said about 15 to 20 cases come before the Hancock County Grand Jury each year.

"It will help keep better track of the sex offenders and their whereabouts, and identify and keep better tabs on those offenders who will be likely to re-offend," Schmidt said.

Diamondhead student Maya accepted into People to People

Sara Maya, a student at East Hancock School, has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. Maya will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C., February 27-March 5, 2006 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States' most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institute, and from Colonial Williamsburg

to the National Museum of American History, Maya will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Maya was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding

scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956.

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Echo staff photos by Bennie Shellbatter. Cady, Bret, mother Daren and Calli Reinhart, pictured left to right, joined about 30 other volunteers on Wednesday at Gulfside Elementary School as a part of GE Plastic's Global Community Days. Father Danny organized the project.

GE Plastics, Gulfview team up for outdoor living classroom, learning lab

BY BENNIE
SHELLBATTER
Staff Writer

GE Plastics employees and their families spent the day Wednesday at Gulfview Elementary School constructing what they call an outdoor living classroom and learning lab. Teachers at the school presented the company with a wish list for the project at the end of the school year and human resources manager Ashley Neighbors said that the company will be able to provide the school with everything on the list.

The classroom will feature hands-on learning areas to help bring skills learned in the traditional classroom into real life situations. Included will be an animal tracking area with concrete impressions of local animal tracks. Tracks left in an adjoining clay plot will give students the opportunity to identify visiting animals. A covered pavilion

furnished with picnic tables and equipped with running water and electricity will provide students with an outdoor classroom.

Nesting boxes will encourage local birds, bats or mammals to make their home in the nature area. Each grade will have a garden plot and plant a variety of plants from herbs to vegetables to flowers. Also included will be compost bins, a turtle pond, a weather station, a groundwater monitoring hole, an archaeological dig site, a bird blind and feeders, with nearby berry trees and a perch and plant.

The project at Gulfside is just one of many that the company will sponsor during their community days program. About 20,000 GE employees participated in other projects across the world from Africa to Atlanta. Projects center on education and community improvement.

First Friday fish fry at St. Rose

St. Rose de Lima Booster Club will host a First Friday Fish Fry this Friday, July 1, from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, 301 S. Nicaise Ave., Bay St. Louis.

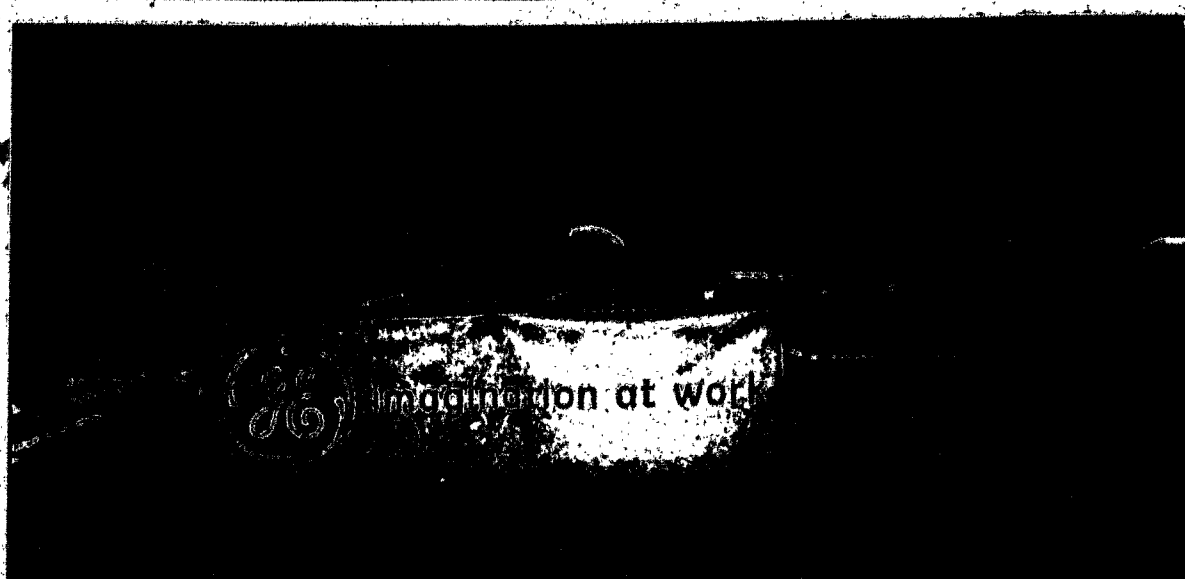
The menu will include catfish, potato salad, green beans, bread and cake for \$5. Pick-up or delivery.

To order, call Bobbi Tate at 216-2223 or Mary Bartholomew at 493-0027.

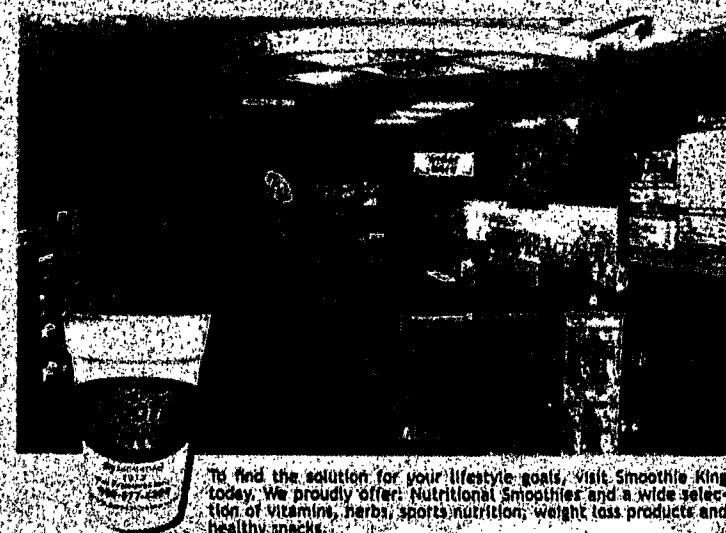
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Fun on the 4th

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Celebration lasts Friday through Sunday

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Want to know what the "crab" buzz is all about? Then make plans to come out to the 21st Annual Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Fourth of July Crab Fest for three days of incomparable fun, food and music.

The Fest will begin Friday, July 1, and continue through to Sunday, July 3 on the fest grounds located behind the church, near historic downtown and next door to St. Stanislaus College.

People come from all over the country, sometimes the world, to experience what has become one of the most popular summer festivals on the coast.

Family fun includes Kiddie Land, rides, 100 arts and crafts booths, plant and flower booth, rock climbing, crab races and much, much more. You can take a chance on one or all three raffles: the Mullet Net Raffle, the \$1,000 Raffle, and the \$15,000 Drawdown.

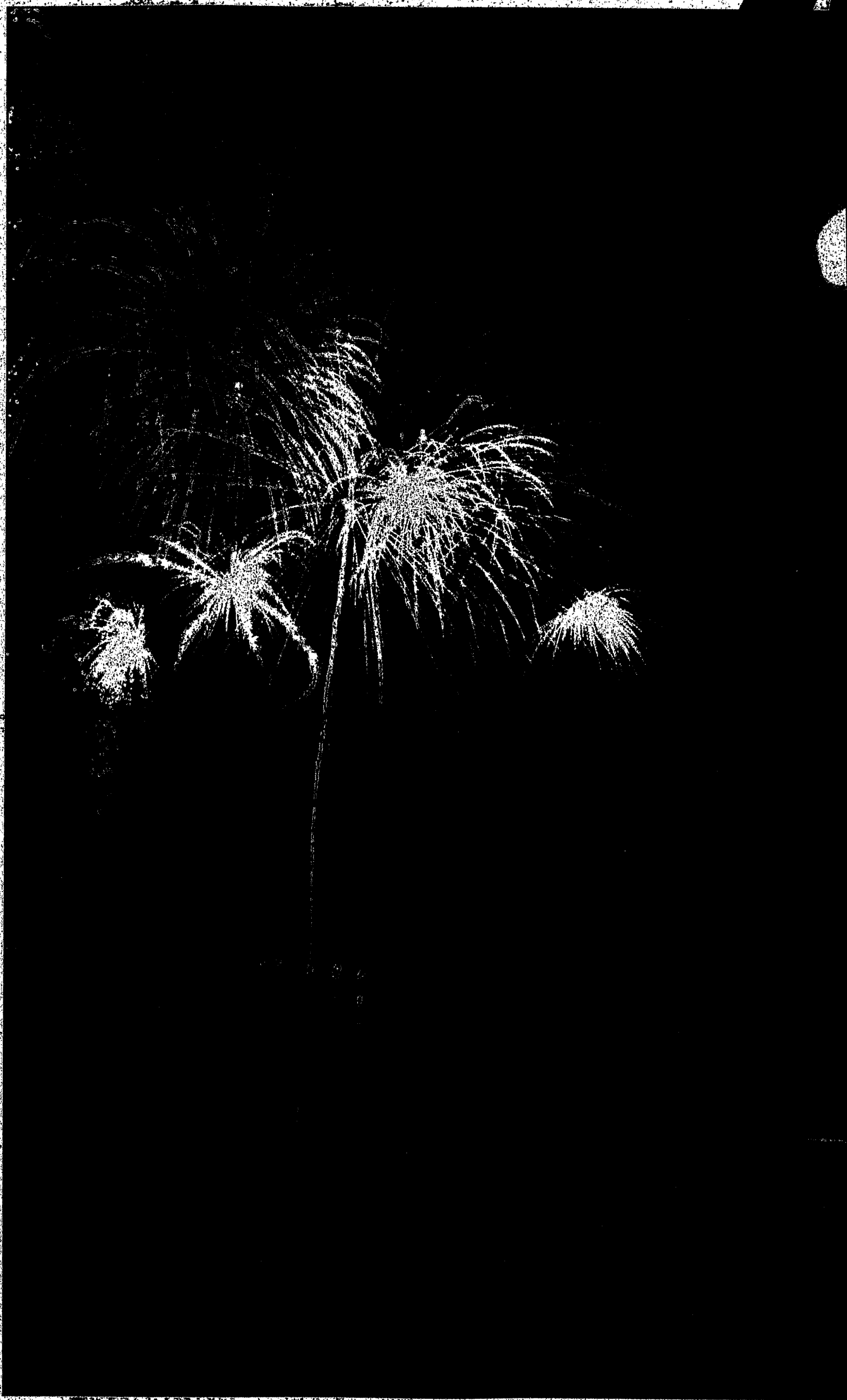
The Mississippi National Guard 41st Army Band will be performing live on Friday, July 1 from 1-5 p.m. and 4dB will perform Friday evening from 6-10 p.m.; Joe Matherne & Sunshine will perform Saturday, July 2 from 11-5 p.m. and Keith Hoda Country Sounds will perform Saturday night from 6-10 p.m.; Easy Street will be performing Sunday, July 3 from 1-5 p.m. and Shea Michaels Band will perform Sunday evening from 6-10 p.m.

Many dedicated people make this fest happen every year, giving of their time and talents to put on the best fest on the coast. That dedication, along with fabulous food you can't find anywhere else, makes the Crab Fest stand out above the rest.

Food items include stuffed crab, crab-stuffed potatoes, crab and shrimp biscuits, fried crab claws, shrimp po-boys, boiled seafood, crawfish etoufee, gumbo, red beans & rice, seafood lasagna, crawfish fettucini, jambalaya, burgers and hot dogs, fried catfish plates, cotton candy, the best desserts in the Bay, and snowballs. Food will be available at 12 noon to closing daily.

Crab Fest t-shirts and aprons will also be available. Admission is free and the fest hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. each day.

For more information call 228-467-6509 or email at olgchurc@bellsouth.net.



Fireworks will fill the air all over the Coast this weekend as South Mississippi celebrates Independence Day. One of the biggest displays this year will be at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis this Sunday, July 3.

The Coast celebrates America's birthday!

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Get ready for a tremendous celebration this weekend at the 57th annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. Scheduled for July 1-4, the rodeo will be staged from the small craft harbor in Gulfport and will feature continuous entertainment, tons of fish on display caught by the contestants, carnival rides, booths and various kinds of food. A spectacular fireworks display will be held on July 4.

Created by the American Legion in Gulfport, the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo was first presented in 1948. From a meager beginning, with competitive contestants being mostly local sport fishermen and women, the Rodeo has enjoyed great popularity and progressive growth through the years since.

The Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo is an annual salt and fresh water competition for all ages. Since the beginning of the Rodeo, the competition has been free to all fishermen and fishermen. Each year, the registration exceeds 3,000 entries.

The Fishing Rodeo has 28 categories and present daily prizes, special awards, and a drawing among the winners for a 15ft Alumacraft boat and trailer with a 25 hp Mercury outboard motor.

For the really competitive fisherman, the rodeo has offered Shootouts, where the contestant contributes a small entry fee, the winners receiving a cash prize. There is a 100% cash payback plus a Rodeo contribution. The categories for these Shootouts are: Cobia, Redfish, Bass, and Speckled Trout.

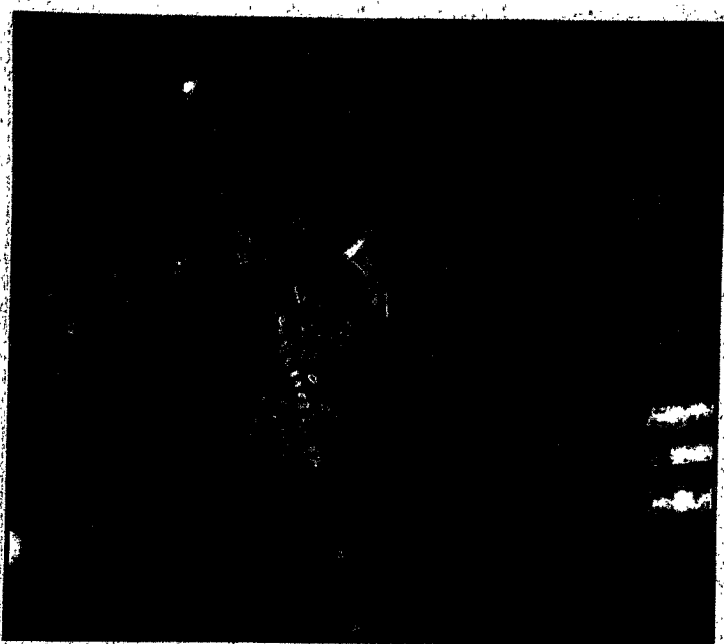
Individual registration is free, however, all contestants must be registered before they began to fish for prizes.

There is also a children's category. Sponsored by Coca-Cola, the tournament is free to all kids 4 to 12 years old. A parent or guardian must accompany the contestants.

Prizes are given for the top five fish in each category and a "King Fisherman" and Queen Fisherette is determined on a point basis. Five points for 1st, four points for 2nd, three points for 3rd, two points for 4th and one point for 5th.

Entertainers for this year's Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo will be Sha Na Na, Eddie McDaniel,

Pete & St. Rose!



Legendary jazz musician Pete Fountain and the nationally acclaimed St. Rose De Lima Gospel Choir, will perform a special concert at 8 p.m. Friday, July 15 in the Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Entertainment Complex. All proceeds from the concert ticket sales will benefit the building fund for the new St. Rose Parish Community Center. General seating tickets are \$20 at the St. Rose De Lima parish office by calling 228-467-7347, or can be purchased in the Oak Royale Room during Pete Fountain's regular performances on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. Tickets are limited.

Safety -- fireworks

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"Most of those injuries are related to firecrackers, rockets and sparklers—just the kind of items that many parents buy for their kids."

Fairburn warns parents to never allow children to light fireworks or try to re-light fireworks that have not fully ignited. She says that adult supervision of the use of all fireworks is essential.

State law in Mississippi permits "consumer fireworks" as defined by the Department of Transportation, but prohibits cherry bombs, tubular salutes, repeating and aerial bombs and torpedoes. Fairburn says to check with local police departments to determine which fireworks are legal in your area. "Local fireworks laws may be more stringent than the state laws, so it is best to check."

One key to fireworks safety is to always read and follow directions. "Fireworks vendors should give each consumer safety tips to follow," Fairburn

said. "Sparklers, smoke bombs and poppers are only suggested for young children if they are under adult supervision." But even sparklers can be unsafe when used improperly. They account for more than half the injuries for children under age 5.

Here are some more tips from the Methodist Rehabilitation Center for a safe celebration this Independence Day:

Only buy fireworks from licensed retail outlets.

Never shoot fireworks in windy conditions.

Don't purchase or use unlabeled fireworks.

Never attempt to make your own fireworks and do not purchase or use any kits that are advertised for making fireworks.

Never mix alcohol and fireworks.

Use fireworks outdoors, in a safe area away from dry grass and buildings.

Never shoot fireworks from metal or glass containers.

Never carry fireworks in

your pocket.

Never point or throw fireworks at people or animals.

Never extend any part of the body over a lit firework.

Light one firework at a time and then walk back quickly.

Keep a bucket of water nearby.

The most effective way to reduce firework injuries is to focus on safety awareness and prevention," said Fairburn. "We want to do all we can to prevent traumatic, often life-changing injuries."

For more information about fireworks safety or the injury prevention pro-

grams offered by Think First, go to methodistonline.org.

Methodist's Think First program works to prevent spinal cord, brain and other traumatic injuries by focusing on bicycle, automobile, firearm, boat, swimming and diving safety. Think First speakers volunteer their time to encourage others to wear safety belts when driving, helmets when riding bicycles and motorcycles and to always think first about what they're doing before they get into any potentially dangerous situation.

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Most businesses budget for their advertising expenses just as they do for other necessities such as rent, phones, etc. Smart business people realize that advertising is imperative to keep their business growing.

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Sports

Bay All-Stars



FIRST PLACE - Bay St. Louis 7 and 8 year old all-stars won first place in the Bayou View Invitational Tournament. The tournament was held the weekend of June 16 through June 19. Front row, l to r: Chase Rhodes, Jerrod Rigby, Evan Lundgren, Ryan Pittalo. Middle row: Noah Nicaud, Patrick McRaney, Hunter Carr, Luke Logan, Nicholas Bulot, Trent Necaise, Jonathan Artigues. Back row: Asst. Coach David Pittalo, Asst. Coach Lloyd Nicaud, Head Coach and Manager Ronnie Artigues, Official Scorekeeper Rocky Rhodes. Not pictured: Colton Johnson.



Bay St. Louis 12-year old All Stars took second place in the OGYA All-Star Tune-Up Tournament June 26, 2005. Pictured in back are coaches Kelly Cannon, Steve Lindgren and Andy Buehler. Players back row Chris Laplewski, Braxton LaFontaine, Rory Island, Jacob Lindgren, and Andrew McGinty. Kneeling are Warren Buehler, Dustin Ladner, Cayce Seal, Kollin Cannon, Mitch Theologos, Caleb Kergoslen, and Jacob Robinson.

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association results

June 21 Blind Partners - 1. Joyce Burks & Darlene Bates; 2. Nancy Witt & Kay Wingate; 3. Sara Schexnaydre & Nancy Hanby.	Niners Low Net/Low Putts - 1. Mary Ann Brennan; 2. Marilyn Wild; 3. Maureen Morley.	Veltman Chip In - Judy Veltman	Jean Didier; 4. Ann Love. Niners Flag Tournament - 1. Maureen Morley; 2. Mary Jo Jones; 3. Babs Robie.
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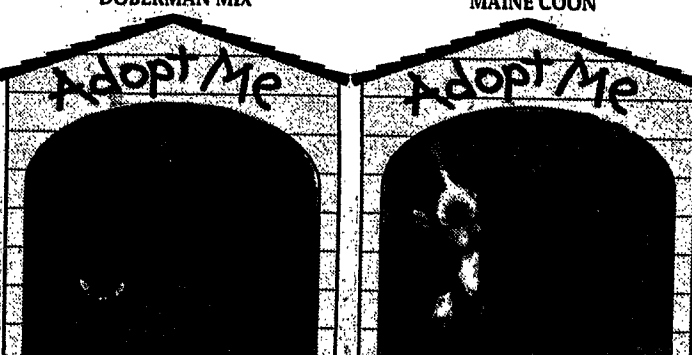
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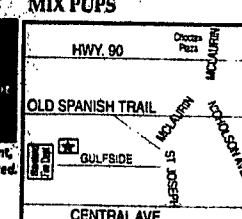
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93 Yard Sale

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Joan Rivers is one of the hardest working women in the world. She's a comedienne, bestselling author, Tony-nominated actress, playwright, screenwriter, motion picture director, Emmy-Award-winning television talk-show host, jewelry designer, business woman and mother. Her trademark mix of outspoken wit, savvy and compassion has established her as one of America's most trusted and admired first ladies of comedy.

Through her consistent appearance on Best Dressed lists, her ratings-winning fashion reports on E! Entertainment television, and her unprecedented success on QVC with her personally designed, award-winning Classics Collection of jewelry, Joan Rivers has also become synonymous with current trends, taste, elegance, and style. She's a true fashion diva.

The child of Russian immigrants, Rivers, 72, was born in Brooklyn the younger of two daughters. She was certain since earliest memory that she belonged on stage.

She discovered her gift for comedy at the age of 12. Telling a story to some of her father's doctor colleagues, she suddenly realized that they were laughing with her, not at her. She had found a way to be appreciated, admired, and in control. It was an epiphany in her struggle to comedy stardom.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa, with no encouragement for a show business career, she took a job as a buyer for Lord & Taylor. Her flair for fashion soon got her a better position at Bond's, where she met and married the son of the vice president. The marriage lasted six months.

Determined to never again give up on her dream, Rivers made the rounds in New York, covering her shyness and insecurity with jokes. She appeared in a few off Broadway plays but was told she'd have a better chance doing comedy.

Constantly struggling, Rivers toured with USO shows, performed with Chicago's Second City, and worked the coffeehouses of Greenwich Village. A new generation of young comics struggled alongside her. Woody Allen, George Carlin, Dick Cavett and Richard



Joan Rivers

Pryor were working the same clubs, with the same dream, Lenny Bruce caused her to recognize and use her own wellspring of unsparring personal humor which soon became her comedic hallmark.

In 1965, a booking on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson finally turned Rivers' show business dream into a reality. Four months later, she met and married producer Edgar Rosenberg, and on January 20, 1968, their daughter Melissa was born.

"Edgar didn't understand much about the whole thing. After Melissa was born, he stood and waited for her luggage to come out," jokes Rivers.

That year, she got one of the first syndicated talk shows on daytime TV, That Show With Joan Rivers. Subsequent guest hosting on The Tonight Show and appearances on The Ed Sullivan Show rapidly turned her career into comedy gold.

After moving to Hollywood, Joan wrote a TV-movie The Girl Most Likely To (giving Stockard Channing her first break) and then wrote and directed her first feature film Rabbit Test, casting a then relatively unknown Billy Crystal in the starring role. The film has since become a cult classic.

In 1983, Rivers became the permanent guest host

She had hit bottom, but she wouldn't stay there. Rivers moved back to New York and in a few months took over the role of Kate Jerome in Neil Simon's Broadway Bound and garnered great reviews. In 1989, the Tribune Corporation launched Rivers in her own new syndicated daytime talk show. She won an Emmy, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and a new lease on life. As National Chairwoman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Rivers began giving lectures around the world on suicide prevention and survival.

QVC offered her the opportunity to design and sell her own line of costume jewelry, the Joan Rivers Classics Collection. Her struggle to survive became an NBC-TV movie, Tears and Laughter: The Joan and Melissa Rivers Story—in which both she and Melissa starred. In 1994, Rivers wrote and starred on Broadway in Sally Marr and Her Escorts, for which she received a Best Actress Tony nomination.

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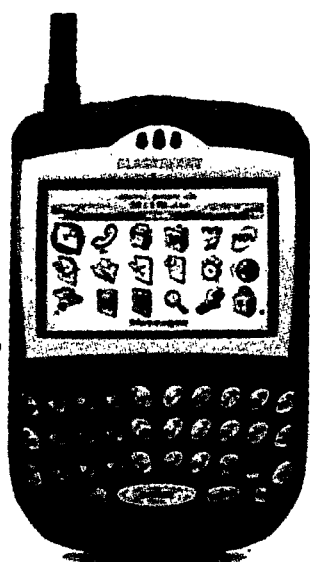
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Sunrise over the Mississippi Sound at Clermont Harbor in Hancock County.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Hancock's star on the rise in '05

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Hancock County may be one of the last undiscovered jewels in the south and certainly along the Gulf Coast. With its still relatively low population, quiet coastline, and picturesque small towns, the county is fast becoming the focus of those seeking a slower paced lifestyle. Faced with unprecedented growth, both local government and residents will be taking long, hard look over the next few years at the direction they want the future to take.

In the Past ten years, the county's budget has almost doubled, with funds coming from increased growth rather than an increase in millage. Population has grown by fifty percent since 1990 figures, with a 2020 population projection of close to 66,000,

more than doubling the 1990 population.

To handle all the new growth in what is a relatively rural area, county officials have been working side by side with both state and federal legislators and funding agencies to obtain grants and loans for major infrastructure projects.

Wastewater service is now available only in limited areas south of I-10, with septic tanks or other individual systems in place in the remainder of the county. Plans for a temporary western plant to serve part of the Pearlington area is about to go out to bid, along with a collection system for half of the Pearlington community with the other half promised soon.

Funding is being sought for a permanent western plant that will service all of Pearlington, and other areas west and for a permanent plant to

serve the Kiln area and points north. Funding is also being sought to switch treated wastewater outfalls from water outlets to overland outlets to further improve water quality. Upgrades are also planned for the existing plant in Waveland. Officials are also planning to meet with developers proposing new casino, hotel and condominium projects in a new C-4 resort district to assess needs for those projects that could ultimately bring as many as 10,000 units and even more residents.

Besides needed wastewater projects, the county will also begin a number of other projects this year. The complete replacement of the Caesar-Necaise Road Bridge is scheduled to be finished this summer, and repairs or upgrades will either begin shortly or have begun on the Kiln DeLisle Road, Dummy Line Road, Airport Road and Lower Bay Rd. A paving project slated for Texas Flat Rd. will link Hwy. 603 to the North gate at Stennis Space Center and link the county east to west. Traffic light recently installed at the intersection of Hwy. 603 and Interstate I-10 have greatly increased the safety

for motorists.

Hancock County Statistics

Population: 42,967

Employment: 96 percent

Education: 81 percent high school graduates, 23 percent college grads

Per Capita Income: \$21,976

Cost of living: 9.6 percent below national average

Cost of Housing: 21.6 percent below the national average

— Source: Hancock Chamber

ment of the seawall.

Important to Hancock County is farming and one of the highlights of weekend shopping is the farmers market, which was recently doubled in size. The market offers fresh produce and more on Saturday mornings and on Wednesday mornings. Horseback riding is also a loved past time and the Hancock County Equine Center Livestock Arena offers the perfect place for training and fun.

Always in contrast, another important aspect to Hancock County is the aerospace industry and surrounding technology. As the home of Stennis Space Center the county is always seeking to expand technology support industry. Developers recently started construction on the first building of what promises to be a state of the art technology park at Hwy. 603 and I-10. Stennis will also open the Infinity Project, an interactive center for science and math education for both children and adults at Hwy 607 and I-10. The county also succeeded this year in bringing in a branch of the Pearl River Community College. The college will expand as needs are assessed.

Tidelands funds have allowed upgrades to many area piers this year. The county is home to numerous public boat docks and two large parks, Buccaneer State Park on the beach, and McLeod County Park on the Jourdan River. Both parks offer camping and full hookups for recreational vehicles. To encourage the local seafood industry, the county has also completed two upgrades to the Bayou Caddy Marina at Pleasure Street.

Hancock County offers the visitor or the potential resident a choice of many diverse lifestyles, from country living to beach front paradise, farming to aerospace engineer. Whether your thing is riding horseback, spending a day at the beach, or shopping for one of a kind art treasures, Hancock County has something to offer just about everyone.

About our Cover...



Seagulls and brown pelicans search for food in the Mississippi Sound in Hancock County.

Photo by Ken Murphy

The county is home to nine volunteer fire departments with trained and dedicated staff. Several departments have received grants to upgrade fire trucks and equipment and more are able to upgrade equipment each year. Outside the city limits, the Hancock County Sheriff's Department is on call with deputies ready to serve 24 hours a day should the need arise.

To enhance one of the county's greatest assets, the beach front, a new beach was constructed at Bayou Caddy. A massive beach renourishment project also enhanced more than five miles of sand beach from Bay St. Louis to Waveland. The county also entered into an agreement with the Corp of Engineers to complete a study of the seawall and develop solutions to erosion problems and make plans for the refurbish-

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Port & Harbor Commission helps Hancock's economy grow stronger

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Like most of Hancock County, the 30-plus-year-old Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission has enjoyed a productive year. The organization is a major player in the promotion of the area's economic development. Both the Port Bienville Industrial Park and Stennis International Airport have enjoyed steady growth as a result of the Commission's efforts. The Commission has attracted over 3,200 direct and spin-off jobs to southeast Mississippi in the last 7 years, generating more than one billion dollars in capital, says a commission press release.

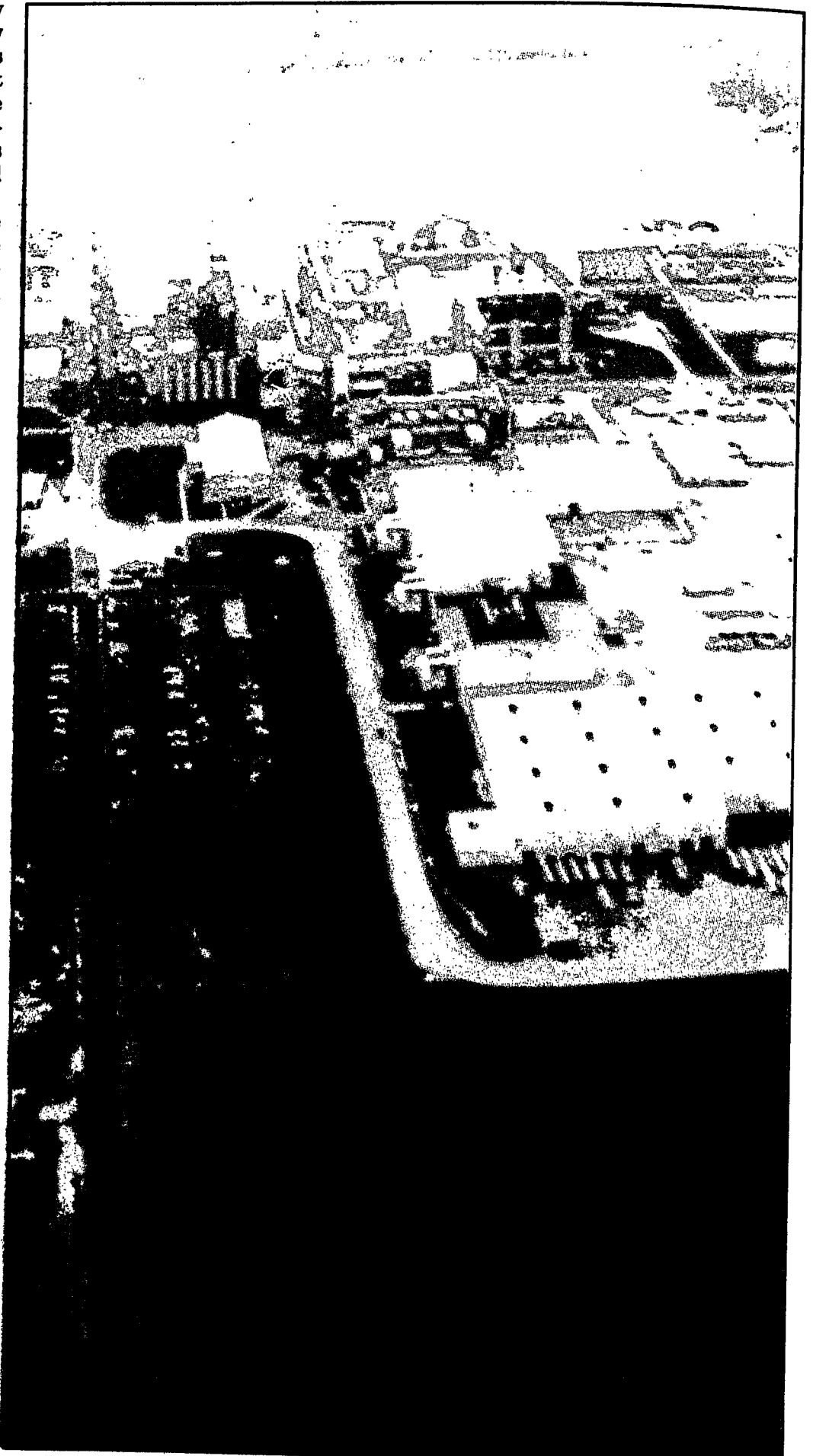
The commission was established in 1963 and today operates a waterfront industrial park, the largest in the state, an airport, and an emerg-

ing technology park. It also actively promotes the development of new aerospace industries at the Stennis Space Center. The 3,600 acre Port Bienville Industrial Park hosts more than 18 tenants who are complimented by a variety of service companies including trucking, packaging and shipping services.

Located within Foreign Trade Zone #92, the park includes port and barge facilities directly accessing the Intercoastal Waterway that can accommodate 12 draft vessels. Served by its own shortline railroad system with twice daily transfers to the nearby CSX mainline, the park includes a training center, fire station, branch bank and medical clinic.

This past year, one of the largest tenants, Wellman of Mississippi, got underway with a 50 million dollar

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expansion to its facilities at the park. The expansion will increase production from 500 million pounds to 850 million pounds of PET resin and will add 30 new jobs to the workforce.

Twenty year plus port tenant Linea Peninsular Inc. continues to increase tonnage each year and this year is no exception. This year the company is expected to bring in excess of 50,000 containers of merchandise on its ships commuting weekly from the Yucatan. The company has also purchased a building adjacent to the shipyard which will be used as a warehouse for merchandise.

Tenant Polychemie increased their presence at the park with a multi-million dollar expansion adding an additional 15 jobs. Mississippi Polymer Technologies will be expanding to add additional office space and continue to expand their capacity. The company manufactures a high tech polymer which has the physical properties of titanium, but carries half the weight.

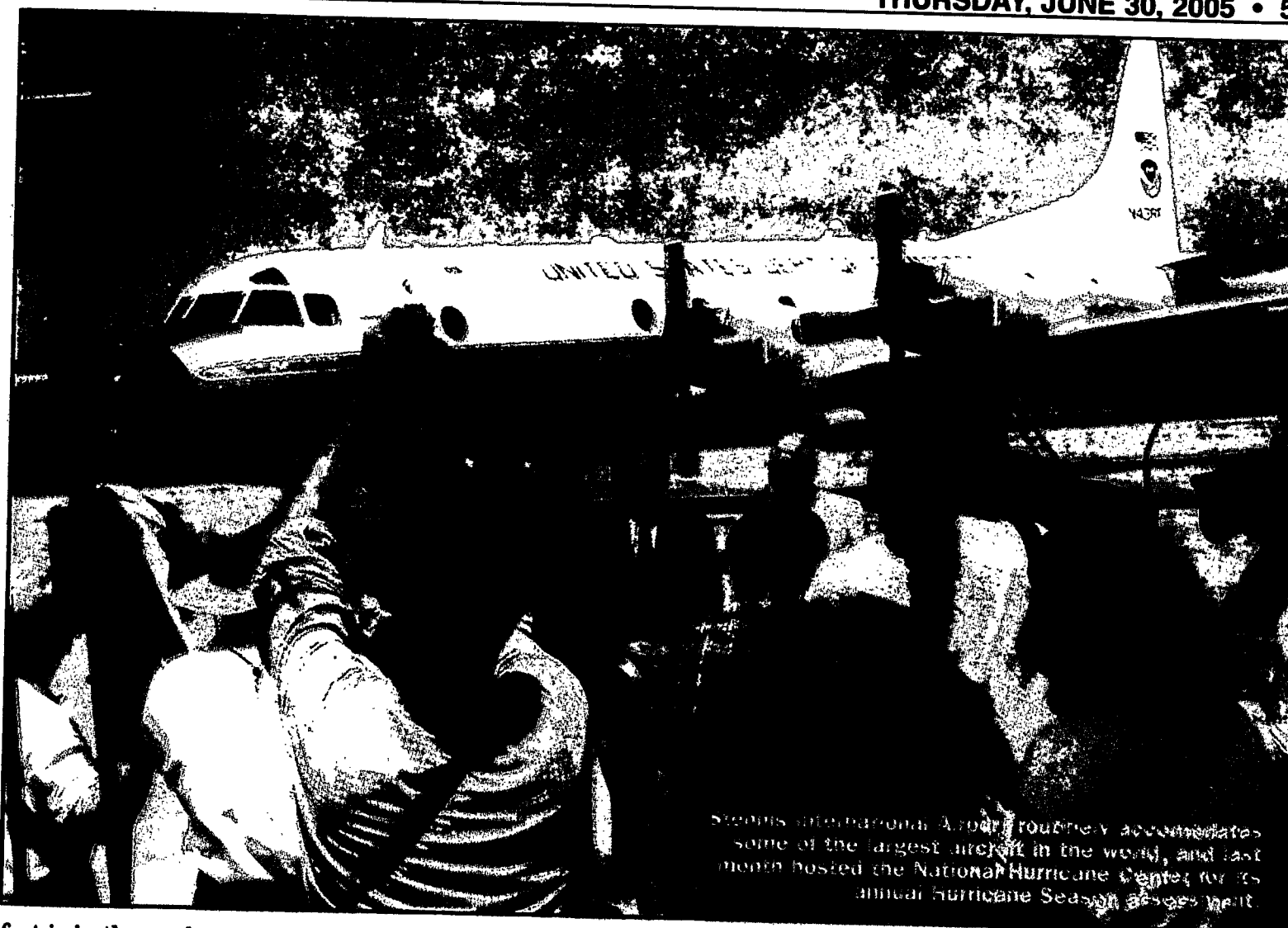
Port Bienville also offers tenants access to rail service. This year the port completed the final phase of upgrading all the rails in the park to heaviest industry standards, which allow the rail line to handle 286,000 pound rail cars. The park also increased rail support to Polychemie and has plans to add an additional mile of track to the rail car storage area. The rail line received the Jake With Distinction Safety Award for having no injuries for the fourth year in a row.

Phase one of and expansion to the onsite waste water treatment plant was completed with a goal of a 150,000 gallon per day capacity.

The Commission worked to secure grants for the upgrade and overlay of South Gate Road, Sea Plane Rd., Road C-1 and the Road F-1 turning land, rail culvert replacement, Port Master Plan, airport security cameras, and FAA grant to overlay and expand taxiways north and south at the airport.

Stennis International Airport is home to an 8,500 foot long and 150 foot wide grooved and lighted runway and ILS system. The airport provides full services to general aviation users and has an Air Traffic Control Tower under construction with an estimated February completion date. Hangers, buildings and developed sites are available for immediate use.

Planned expansions to the runway will add another 1,000 feet to the south side. An already completed \$4.1 million upgrade widened the taxiway to 75 feet and strengthened the surface, making it stronger than many conventional runways. A new approach lighting system with lighting ranging from ground level to 60



Stennis International Airport routinely accommodates some of the largest aircraft in the world, and last month hosted the National Hurricane Center for its annual Hurricane Season address here.

feet is in the works.

Taxiway upgrades allow larger aircraft such as the Russian made Antonov AN124 to land. The Antonov is the largest plane in the world and is used for, among other things, hauling of delicate satellites, built at Stennis Space Center, to other locations.

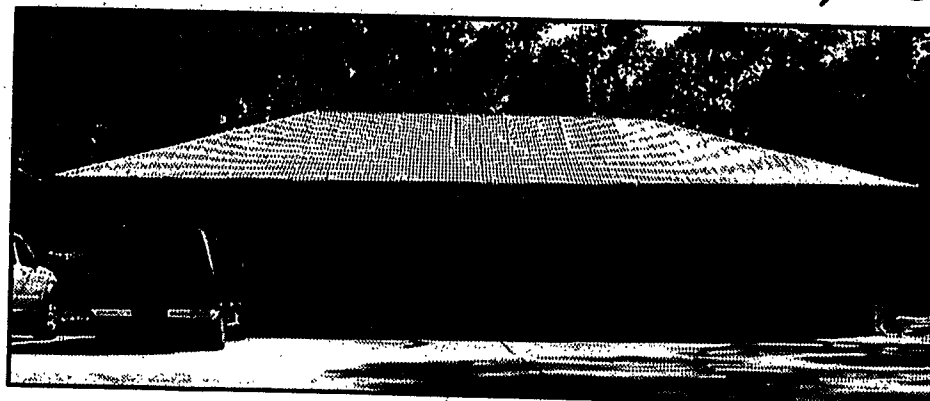
Stennis also provides military support. The airport was chosen as the site for ongoing C-5 airlift of armored personnel vehicles to Iraq and hosts Air Force night vision training. It is also host to Navy Special Forces and Air force units performing parachute training.

Mardi Gras Air provides FBO service with RFB Flying Services performing maintenance. Harvey Planes offers and avionics service and flight training. Aircraft Packaging readies aircraft for shipment all over the world. Pearl River Community College will be offering an A@P training course this fall at the airport. A new technology building is home to many businesses and government offices.

The adjoining light industrial park is home to many businesses such as the Lazy Magnolia Brewery, offering locally brewed beer, Hot Sticks, manufacturers of drum sticks, Pan American Insulators, Koning Stainless Steel and Ferris Concrete.

The airport was recently chosen as one of the four site finalists for EADS North America's aircraft

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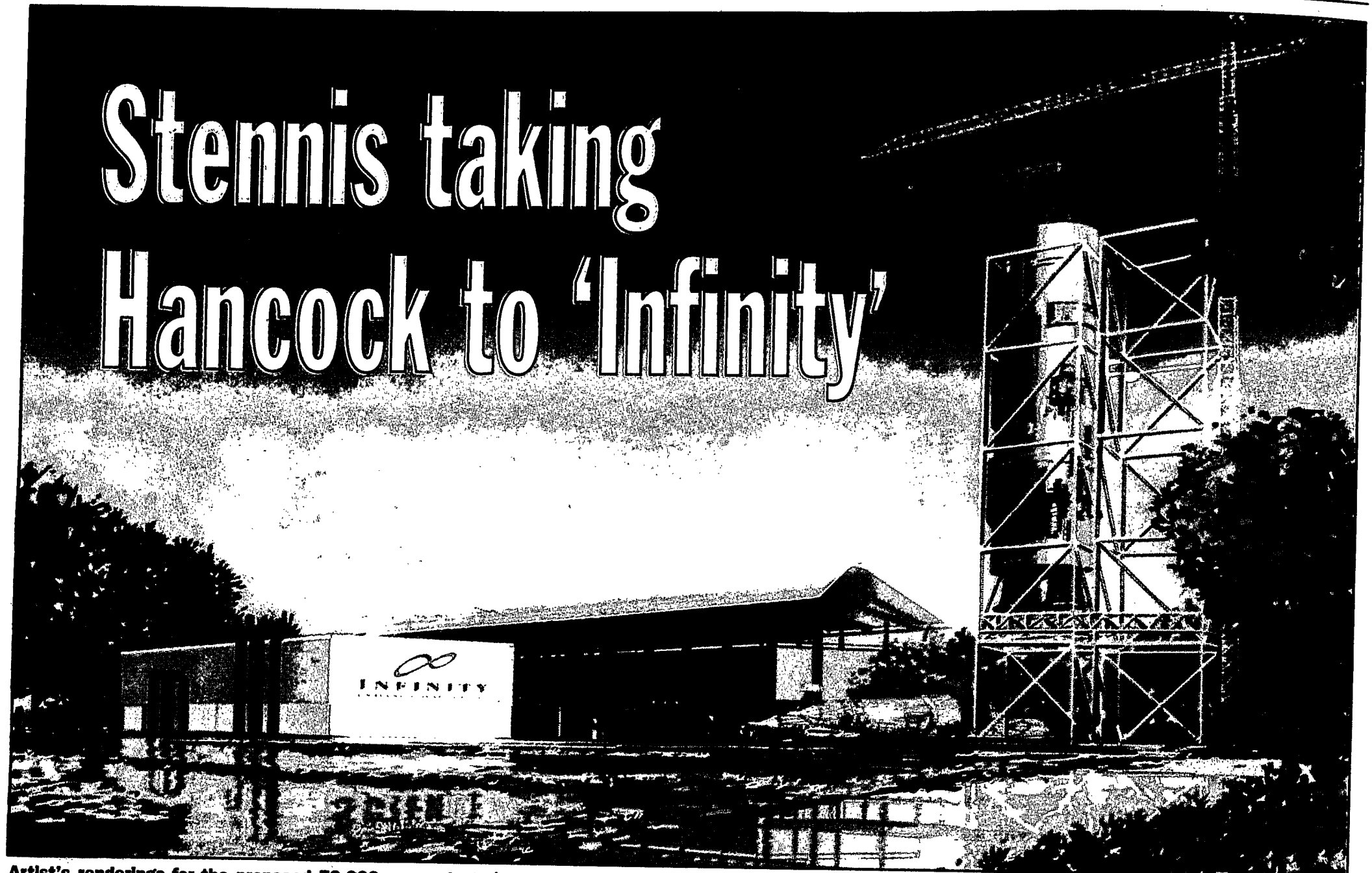


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Artist's renderings for the proposed 72,000 square-foot, \$35 million Infinity facility which will be constructed at the Hancock County. The project is currently scheduled for a 2005 groundbreaking and is set to open in early 2007.

Space Center fuels Hancock's growth

The \$35 million, 72,000 square foot Space Center, is scheduled to open facility named Infinity at NASA early in 2007 with site preparation

scheduled to begin this year with a formal groundbreaking. Infinity will be the only one of its kind.

The project concept and design result from a public-private partnership between NASA and MAST, Inc., a non profit organization chartered by a group of area business leaders to work with NASA on the project.

Visitors will explore three primary galleries: Earth, science and oceans focused on three common themes: Remote sensing, testing, and planning and protecting.

The center is expected to be fun, dynamic and immersive, attracting a diverse array of visitors. It will incorporate assets of StenniSphere and the Educator Resource Center.

The design for the center comes from one of the world's foremost experiential design firms, ESI Design founded by Dr. Edwin Schlossberg

and based in New York. NASA funded \$5 million to date for the center and has budgeted another \$4 million toward completion of the project. MAST has begun raising the remaining \$26 million through public and private gifts.

A recreation market analysis study conducted by Harrison Price indicates that INFINITY is expected to draw 260,000 to 362,000 visitors annually and become financially self sufficient.


Return to flight

The John C. Stennis Space Center (SSC) in Hancock County is one of ten NASA field centers in the United States. It is NASA's primary center for testing and flight certifying rocket propulsion systems for the Space Shuttle and future generations of

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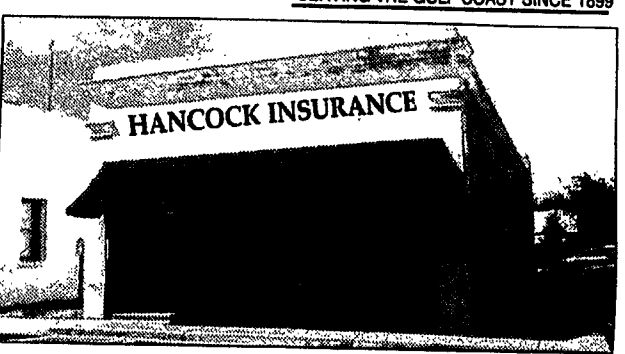
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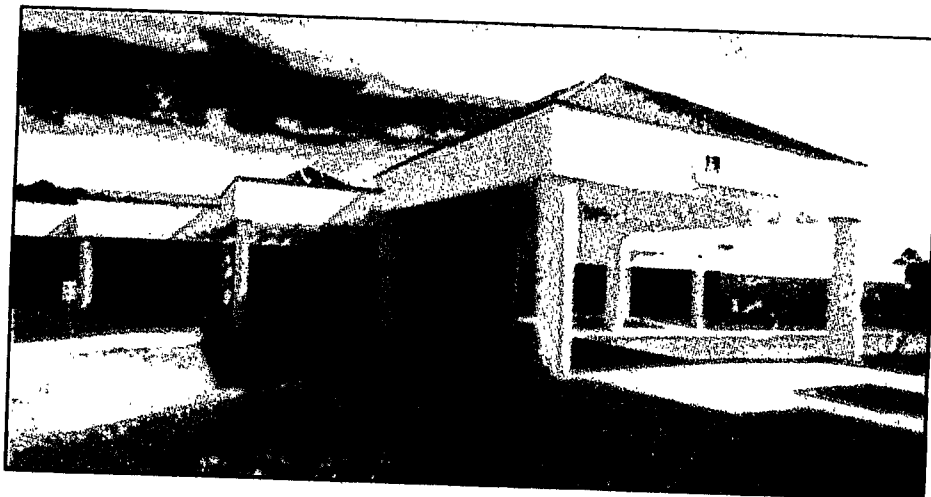
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space vehicles. Because of its important role in engine testing for four decades, Stennis Space Center is NASA's program manager for rocket propulsion testing with total responsibility for conducting and/or managing all NASA propulsion test programs.

The final space shuttle main engine (SSME) for NASA's "Return to Flight" campaign was successfully tested last August.

The engine will be attached to the Space Shuttle Discovery, which is scheduled to launch sometime this year. It will be the first flight since the Columbia crashed two years ago.

Admiral Tom Donaldson, director of Stennis Space Center, said the Return to Flight program was the necessary first step in continuing the exploration of space. As such, he said, the engineers testing the rockets take their responsibilities very seriously.

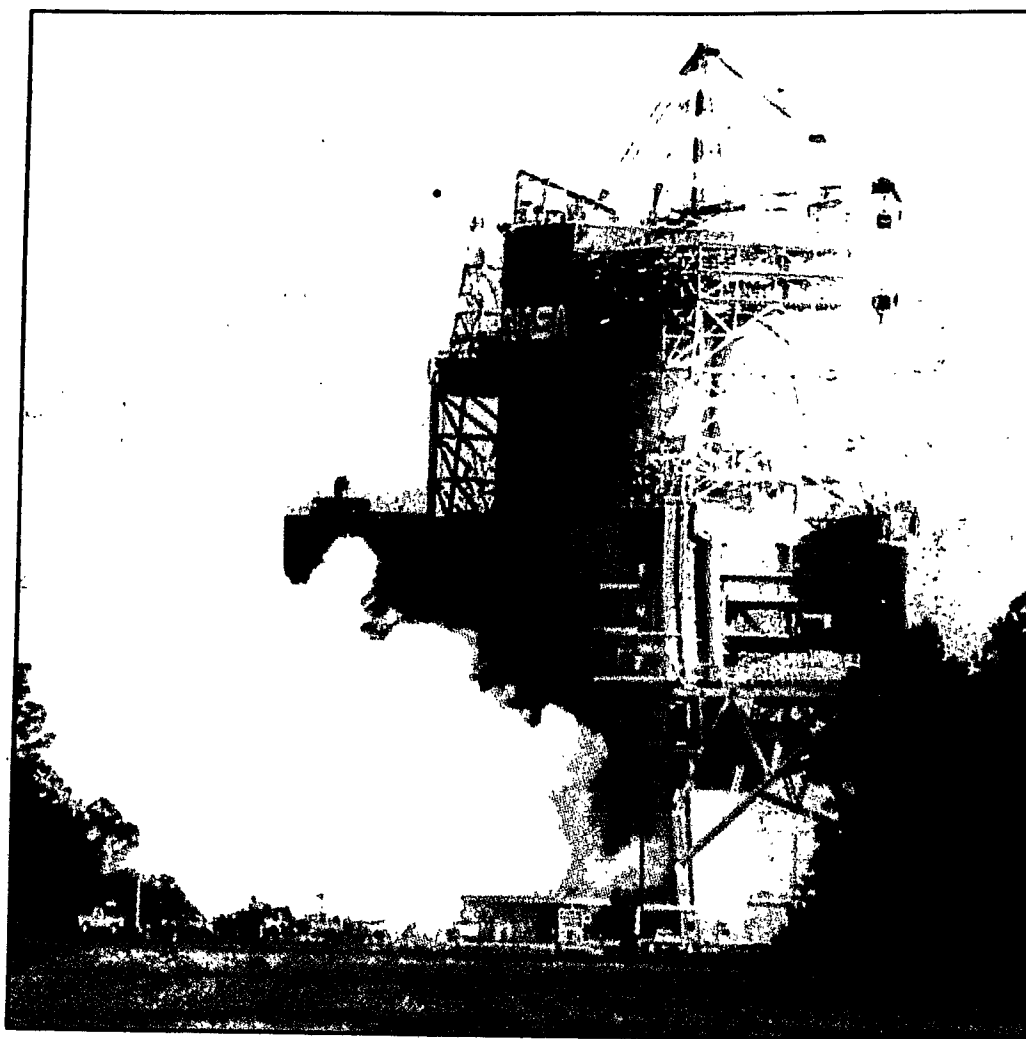
"Stennis is all about the power end of the space shuttle, and the special cargo of the astronauts at the other end."

Donaldson estimates that NASA has about 28 space flights left to complete its obligation to the International Space Station. Every engine for each shuttle will be tested at Stennis.

Donaldson added that "Return to Flight" had been delayed so NASA could prepare two other shuttles, the Atlantis and the Endeavor, to be on standby in case the Discovery crew has trouble on re-entry.

After that, NASA has its sights set on Mars. Donaldson said the International Space Station would be instrumental in determining how humans could cope with extended periods of time in space. An expedition to Mars, he said, could take up to nine months.

To demonstrate the distance between the Earth and Mars,



A space shuttle engine test at Stennis Space Center.

Donaldson said that the distance a shuttle would have to travel to get into orbit was about the width of a thumbnail measured on the surface of a golf ball. The distance from the earth to the moon would be about an arm's length away. Mars, he said, would be a half-mile from the golf ball.

Dave Geiger, the site director for Boeing, described the SSME as "the Ferrari of rocket engines."

It stands about six feet tall, has 470 million horsepower, and is capable of going from zero to 36,000 RPM

in one second.

Geiger, who has been working on rocket engines since the Saturn 5 project in the 1960s, said the current SSMEs were the most reliable and complicated rocket engines in the world.

Stennis, for that matter, is the only facility equipped to test the engines for the full eight minutes and forty seconds it takes to bring the shuttle into orbit.

Stennis and Hancock County

Stennis Space Center began "re-inventing government" decades ago before the concept became popular. Over the years, SSC has evolved into a multiagency, multidisciplinary center for federal, state, academic and private organizations engaged in space, oceans, environmental programs and the national defense. In addition to NASA, there are 30 other agencies located at Stennis. Of approximately 4,500 employees, about 1,600 work in the fields of science and engineering.

These agencies work side by side and share common costs related to infrastructure, facility and technical services, thus making it cheaper for

each to accomplish its independent mission at SSC.

NASA Stennis Space Center (SSC) is a significant source of employment and income in the local area.

If SSC had not been in operation in 2003, considering both direct and indirect effects, a very conservative estimate of reduction in employment for the local area would be 28,679 jobs. A similar conservative estimate indicates that personal income would have been reduced by more than \$1.006 billion, and retail sales would have been reduced by \$402 million.

It is estimated that SSC has a tax revenue impact on local government revenues of \$109 million, according to a study released in March 2004 and conducted by Dr. Charles A. Campbell, professor of economics at Mississippi State University.

The Cutting Edge

Ionatron, Inc., an Arizona-based company, recently moved to Stennis Space Center to continue work on a portable Laser Induced Plasma Channel, which uses a laser to generate an electro-magnetic pulse (EMP) through radiation pressure.

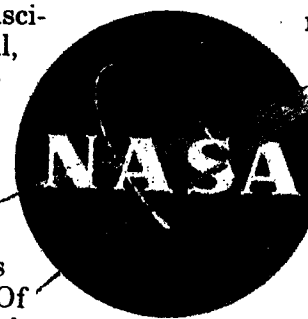
EMP technology has always been difficult to construct, as the pulse can only be generated through a nuclear reaction.

The resulting current produces damaging currents and voltage shortages, which can effectively burn out any electrical-based machinery in the area.

Ionatron received a \$12.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense for 2005, a \$9.2 million increase since the previous year's.

Thomas Dearmin, founder and CEO of Ionatron told reporters earlier this year that the grant would allow "This new \$12.6 million funding line which represents an increase of \$9.2 million compared to last year's \$3.4 million U.S. Department of Defense congressional appropriation, provides additional resources to accelerate the development of LIPC technology, that could enable our military to counter the new threats across the globe. We are gratified by the continued support of Congress to bring to market this mission-critical Ionatron LIPC system substantially sooner than otherwise would be possible.

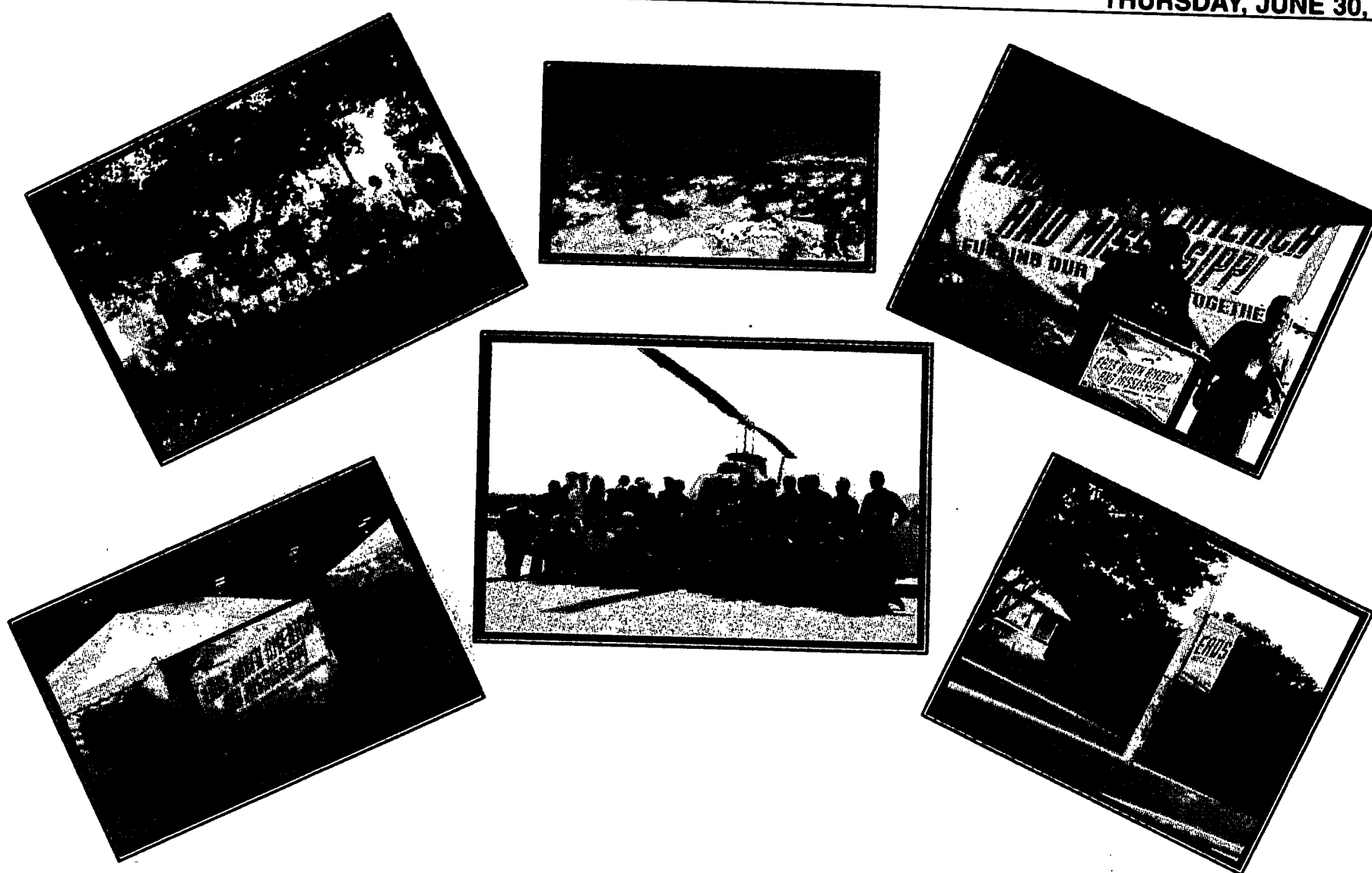
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Believe in public education in Hancock Co.

BY TOM AND DEBBIE DONALDSON

We are ardent supporters of public education. We believe the schools in Hancock County have much of which to be proud. How can we make such a statement? We are a military family...first as children of military fathers (Army and Navy) and then as parents. My husband, Tom, and I have lived all over the world, have three children, all educated in the public schools, and are now pleased to call Mississippi our home. I have taught in public and private schools, was educated in public schools (I attended three high schools), and went to a private college for women. My husband went to DOD schools all over the world. In our military moves, our daughter went to two public high schools and two colleges, and graduated in three years, magna cum laude. Our son, Thomas, went to three different middle schools, while our youngest, Alex, attended four elementary schools. Our children may have had the military move them, but that also gave us access to a variety of school systems, all with different curriculum and administration goals. The common theme among them all was to provide the best education and a sense of belonging to a community that wholeheartedly supported public education. We bring up the above to show you that we know from which we speak. The Gulf Coast schools have a great thing going!

We have many people ask us where our children go to school, and we proudly say Hancock County Schools. Not only have our children had excellent teachers, but also they feel safe in the schools, understand and respect the need for a caring but strict administrators, and as an added bonus, have scored very well on national academic tests. As we had hoped, they are exposed to a variety of religions and peo-

ple from all walks in life, learn how to adapt to the varying teaching styles and beliefs of teachers, and have the added benefit of fine sports coaches in swimming and soccer who stress academics first, and sports second. They may not have winning seasons, but they have great adult role models, fine team members, and always, sportsmanship.

We believe in the separation of church and state, and feel our children mostly learn their codes of conduct and faith from what they see at home and learn at church. They learn their academic skills and community identity from their associations at school. They have all reached the highest levels of achievement in school and Scouts (Gold Award and Eagle) and are quick to volunteer their time and services to their community. It works for us. We have noticed in our

travels that a community that embraces public education, is a finer one than those that don't.

Children sense a community's sponsorship, and parental involvement is directly linked to how much they sense a community wants to enrich its schools. In fact, we believe the quality of public education is the single most influential factor in determining where young families will choose to live; quality of job and commute seem to be secondary considerations. Also, we have observed, first hand, that the single most important factor in a school's reputation and performance is the quality of the teachers, not the grandness of the facilities or the success of the sports programs.

Finally, the business leaders are the luckiest of all when they have these children as employees and future

leaders. We feel business leaders' filter their approval of local schools to the parents, and this filters down to the children. It makes students proud to be a part of their community that is rooting for them, makes them eager to volunteer and be involved with service projects, and makes them inspired to further their education to be good employees,

college students, and to start the cycle again as involved parents. Everyone wins. It truly is a village raising a child...especially when the child wants to give back, and come back, one day.

Are there challenges in public education? You bet. But, as we have seen, they are everywhere and in every school type. In our minds, no matter where we have lived over the last 28 years, teachers' salaries are always too low, curriculum could be tweaked to be more current and cutting edge, and they could do more to promote the positive activities of their students. But, overall, our children have been ready for Real Life 101 and the public schools have done a fine job in making that happen. Help us spread the word, promote its quality and wholeheartedly support public education...it deserves it!

Tom Donaldson is a retired Navy Admiral and Director of Stennis Space Center. Debbie is a certified teacher, active community volunteer and a member of the current Leadership Hancock County class. Their sons, Thomas and Alex, are in 12th and 8th grades, respectively. They have lived in Diamondhead for 5 years. Debbie is active in community organizations and serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Hancock Chamber and Partners for Stennis, a multi-state grass roots advocacy organization. To learn more about this organization, go on line to: www.partnersforstennis.org.

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tive catalog; continually updated Internet sources; thirty-one research databases; special local information and library hours and locations. There are special links for active seniors, teens and kids, along with outdoor recreation, including how to get hunting and fishing licenses online.
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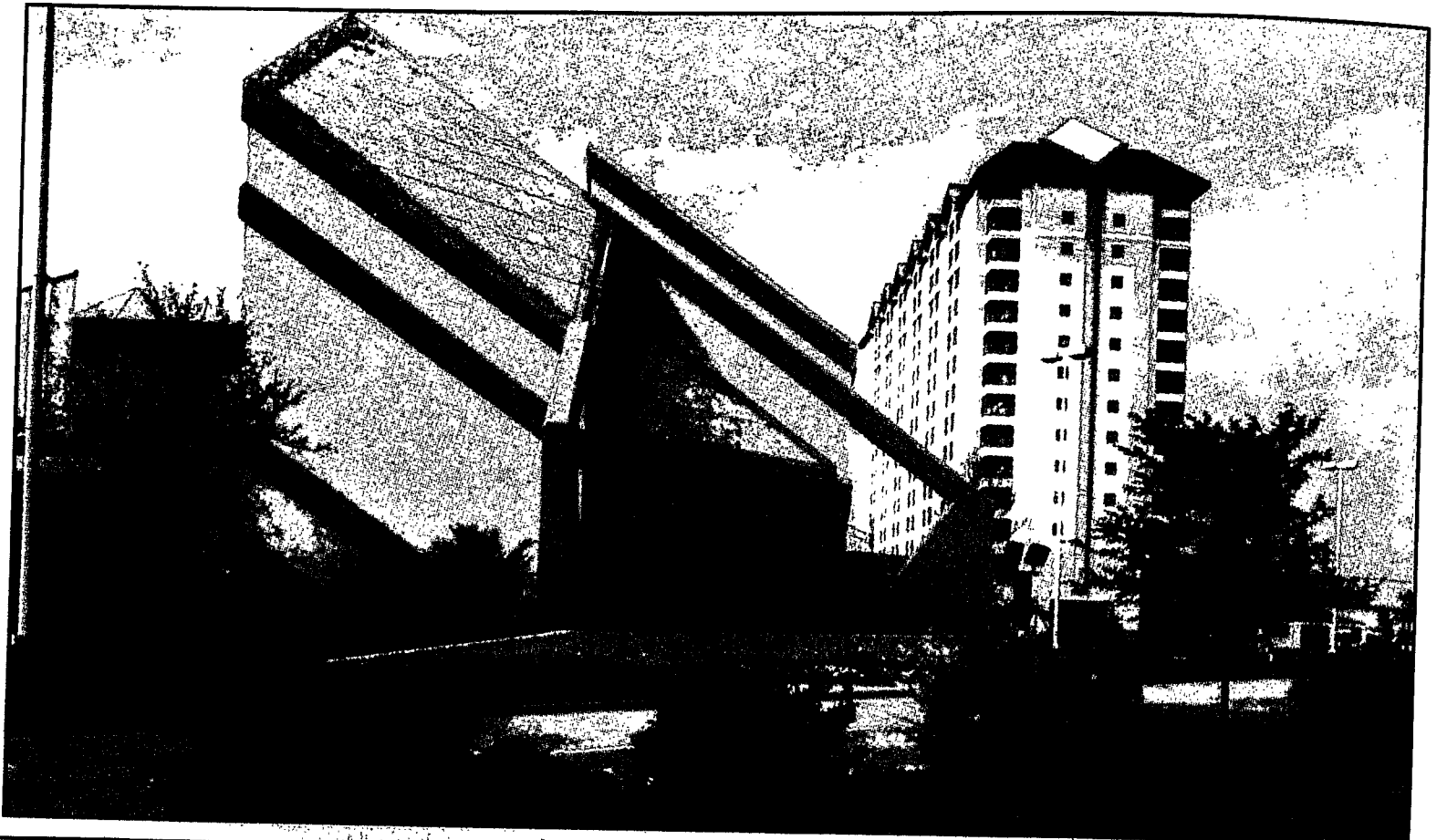
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THE SEA COAST ECHO
Casino Magic Casino and Golf Resort in Bay St. Louis offers tourists and Hancock county residents plenty of gaming excitement and southern hospitality. Nestled on 600 waterfront acres on the Bay of St. Louis, Casino Magic is a secluded retreat and a fun-filled getaway in locals' backyard.

"We are a big business with a small town, friendly feel. Our guests feel at home here," said Casino Magic President, COO and General Manager, John Jagunich.

The casino offers 24-hour gaming excitement featuring over 1200 slot machines and 30 table games, as well as promotional tournaments several times a year. The slot floor features a high limit room, two video poker bars, a non-smoking area, a large selection of progressive jackpot machines and a wide variety of video and reel slots in every denomination from 1¢ to \$100. You can also try your hand at Blackjack, Craps, Roulette,

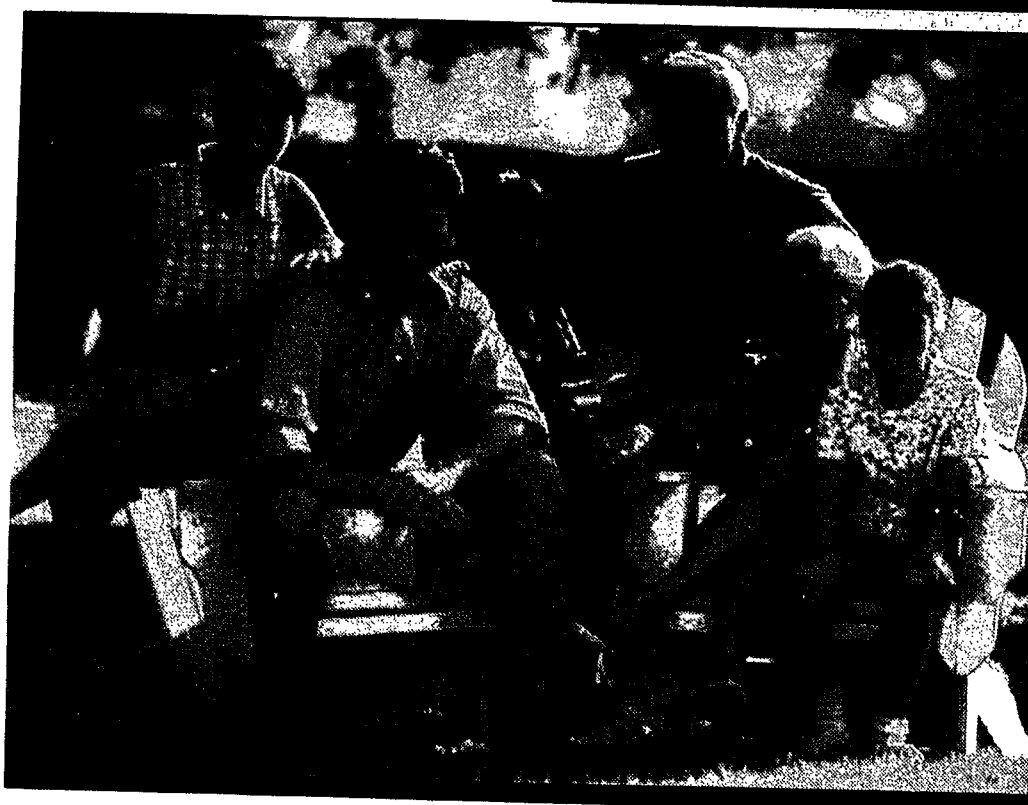


Casino Magic Bay St. Louis offers 24-hour gaming featuring more than 1,200 slot machines and 30 table games; regular promotional tournaments; numerous specialty games; as well as an award-winning golf club, spa and the Bay Tower hotel.

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The Bridges Golf Course at Casino Magic offers pristine waterfront views and over two miles of wooden cart bridges. It is Mississippi's only Arnold Palmer designed golf course. Casino Magic is the only casino on the Gulf Coast with a golf course on-site that is easily accessible to its guests. The 160-acre course features 18-holes, an 11-acre practice facility, chipping and putting greens and also offers golf lessons. The Bridges regularly hosts celebrity and charity golf tournaments and was awarded Silver Signature Status by Audubon International in 2002. The deluxe clubhouse features a golf pro shop and a casual restaurant, The Bridges Clubhouse Grill, for a quick bite or a drink after the game.

Big name entertainment can be seen at Casino Magic twice monthly.

New Orleans jazz legend, Pete Fountain plays every Tuesday and Wednesday night at 8 p.m. Tickets for Pete's performances are just \$12.50 and include two drinks and cocktail seating.

Casino Magic is a good corporate citizen for Hancock County and makes community service a priority. Team Members participate several times annually in the American Red Cross Blood Drives, March of Dimes and United Way fund drives, as well as a variety of community activities. Recently, the casino has contributed over \$30,000 in donations and in kind contributions with more to come. Such items include a security vehicle that was donated to the Bay St. Louis Police Department and a \$5,000 donation to Hope Haven Children's Shelter for groceries and school supplies.

Casino Magic also serves the community through its contribution in tax dollars. Each year Casino Magic contributes over one and a half million in county property taxes, over two million to the City of Bay St. Louis in gaming taxes, hundreds of thousands of dollars to the school district, not-to-mention state gaming, sales and use taxes.

Over 1,300 people are employed by Casino Magic and this fall the casino celebrates 13 years in the industry.

Casino Magic is owned by Penn

The Legendary Pete Fountain gets his own showroom at Bay Magic



Casino Magic Bay St. Louis will in May opened the new Oak Royale room for Pete Fountain performances.

One of New Orleans' living legends, Fountain performs jazz clarinet with his band every Tuesday and Wednesday night at 8 p.m. The intimate new room, located on the second floor of the casino lobby, features cocktail seating, a stage and a full-service bar.

It will also be available for meetings and private parties.

Tickets for Pete Fountain performances are \$15.00 and include two drinks of your choice. You must be at least 21 to attend. To purchase tickets call the Casino Magic Box Office at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or locally at 463-4035. You can also log on to Ticketmaster.com to purchase seats.

National Gaming Inc. who also own: three Hollywood Casino properties located in Aurora, Illinois, Tunica, Mississippi and Shreveport, Louisiana; Charles Town Races & Slots™ in Charles Town, West Virginia; two Mississippi casinos, the Casino Magic - Bay St. Louis hotel, casino, golf resort and marina in Bay St. Louis and the Boomtown Biloxi casino in Biloxi; the Casino Rouge, a riverboat gaming facility in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and the Bullwhackers casino properties in Black Hawk, Colorado. Penn National also owns two racetracks and eleven off-track wagering facilities in Pennsylvania; the racetrack at Charles Town Races & Slots in West Virginia; a 50% interest in the Pennwood Racing Inc. joint venture which owns and operates Freehold Raceway in New Jersey; and operates Casino Rama, a gaming facility located approximately 90 miles north of Toronto, Canada, pursuant to a management contract.

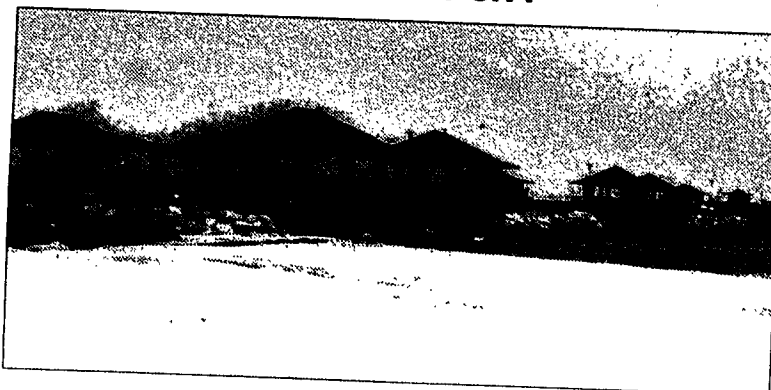


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THE SEA COAST ECHO
Over the next year residents will witness a transformation at Hancock Medical Center, as a long-awaited multi-million dollar renovation and expansion plan begins to take shape.

Several key areas targeted for construction include emergency, outpatient services and surgery departments. The project will result in more convenient access to services, according to Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, DBA, FACHE.

A significant visible change will be the construction of a new outpatient entrance and lobby. The patient volume has more than doubled since the current emergency/outpatient lobby was added nearly ten years ago, said Leftwich. Outpatient registration will relocate to the Drinkwater Boulevard entrance, where the hospital gift shop is currently located.

"Our goal is for an outpatient to register and receive care quickly and easily," said Leftwich, noting emergency patients will register in a renovated lobby facing Highway 90.

The dining room will expand to accommodate a growing number of patrons. A new gift shop and chapel are planned for the Rev. Charles R. Johnson Pavilion on the northwest corner of the campus. Residents will find this entrance the most convenient route to visiting patients in the hospital, he added.

Major improvements were made last year to the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system, to increase energy efficiency and enhance infection control manage-



DISASTER READY- HMC received high marks for participation in a coastwide disaster drill last month. Keesler Air Force Base personnel were "victims" of a chemical explosion, who had to be assessed and sent through the hospital's outdoor decontamination unit. The exercise allows HMC personnel to fine-tune disaster response to be better prepared in the event of an actual disaster.

ment. New wallcoverings and floor-

ing will brighten the hospital's medical unit and other heavily trafficked areas.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

New technology recently implemented is helping to streamline the patient registration process, according to Leftwich.

Bar-coded wristbands and corresponding labels are generated at registration through the hospital's new Automated Registration Documentation System (ARDS). Multiple documents are created by laser printer to indicate specific services the patient will receive, such as lab tests, MRI or mammography.

Inpatient and outpatient registration sheets are color-coded for identification, and the system eliminates the need for expensive pre-printed

patient order forms.

The patient's signature, required for consent for treatment, is now captured on a digital pad and can be stored indefinitely in the hospital's computer system. A mobile computer with signature pad can be transported to the bedside for unaccompanied emergency department patients.

"The next phase of this computer upgrade will allow nurses to scan the patient's wristband and prescription medication to accurately dispense medications," said Leftwich, who noted the process reduces the need for time-consuming manual data entry.

In addition, physicians will be able to retrieve more information easily from their offices as a result of the

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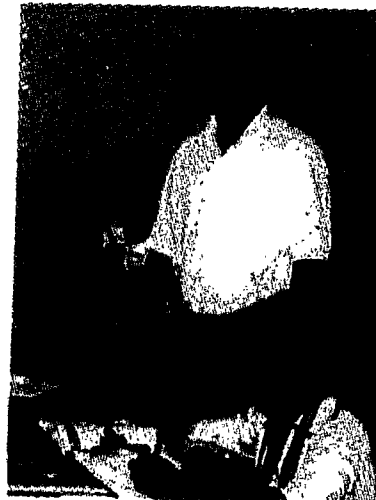
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Waveland's future looks bright in '05

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The outlook for the city of Waveland continues to look bright. An array of capital improvement projects will get under way this year. New business continues to come to town, home starts are continuing at an all time high, and upgrades to existing properties are underway all over town. With the arrival of a new super Walmart, a groundbreaking around the corner for a new Lowes scheduled for a 2005 opening, and numerous smaller businesses springing up all over town, the economic outlook is strong.

But even with so much commercial growth going on, the city has not lost sight of the importance of its numerous quiet residential neighborhoods. Though the small city's financial life-line depends largely on sales tax and promoting new business, the local planning and zoning board and the Board of Aldermen have stood firm on upholding building codes and zoning regulations that preserve the integrity of the city's residential community.

With dollars for capital improvements at a premium, working to secure grant dollars is a must for large projects. This year these dollars are being teamed with city dollars to undertake a number of major improvements. City officials work diligently with state and federal legislators to obtain grant funds.

This year the city plans to begin, or has already begun, work on several major street refurbishment projects, including a complete overhaul of its downtown thoroughfare, Coleman Ave. Three other major thoroughfares, Old Spanish Trail, Nicholson Ave. and Waveland Ave. are also on the list for an overhaul. Lighting will be added to two major entrances to



Waveland's Garfield Ladner Pier is a family-friendly, no-alcohol-allowed facility and offers 24-hour security. High school students are now partnering with the city to run a bait shop at the pier. Photo by Ken Murphy

the city on Hwy. 603 and on Hwy. 90.

Along with refurbished streets will also come refurbished drainage, a problem that for a low lying seaside community is an ongoing priority project. The complete rehabilitation and expansion of the city's wastewater system in the Western quarter will also begin this year.

To meet present demands and those of the future, the city will also embark on an upgrade to the aging water system infrastructure. Residents already enjoy a low fire

insurance rating and the city hopes to lower it still with upgrades. The city maintains two fire station, one north of and one south of the railroad tracks. Last year the city completed a project in coordination with the Corps of Engineers to hydraulically model the city's water system, which will help prioritize capital improvements. A similar model is underway for the wastewater system.

In conjunction with the revival of downtown Coleman Ave. the city is also well under way on the re-do of the historic school house, just recently completed an expansion and modernization of its library branch, and is welcoming new business to the downtown area on a regular basis.



Just down the block Coleman Ave. ends at Beach Blvd. where the Veteran's Memorial offers people a chance to sit and reflect on the contributions of area veterans. Next to the memorial is the Garfield Ladner Pier which offers a place to try your hand at fishing or just to take a leisurely stroll on the pier to watch the sunset. High school students are partnering with the city to run a bait shop and the pier also offers 24-hour security. Parking is available. Along the beachfront aldermen just author-

ized funding to continue the hike and bike trail which now ends at the pier area.

The city recently received re-certification as the only storm ready community on the Gulf of Mexico. It maintains its rating as the lowest in the state for flood plain management and National Flood Insurance programs and is in the top three percent nationally. The city recently adopted a federally mandated hazard mitigation plan.

The city has been awarded the Mississippi District II Little League all-star Tournament and is in the running to host a major Little League tournament in July. New Parks and Leisure director Chris Johnson has been working hard to improve the little league parks and playgrounds, Mayor Tommy Longo said. A groundbreaking was held on a new park in May.

The city is also committed to historical preservation of its rich heritage. Historical dedications and monuments have been placed at the sites of Andrew Jackson's Sea Song Plantation, and Jean Lafittes Pirate House. Dedications are planned for


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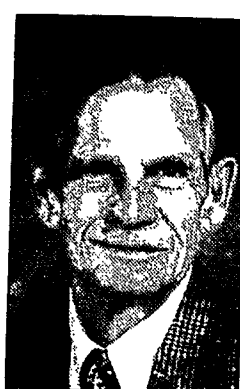
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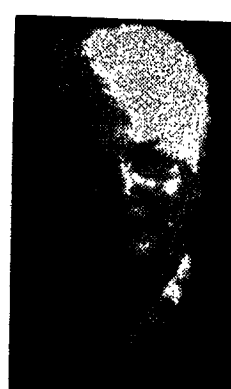
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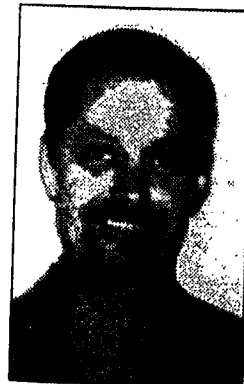
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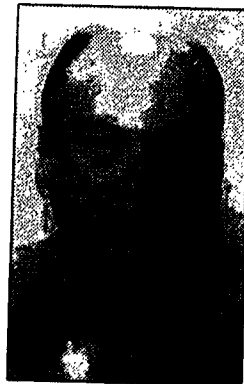
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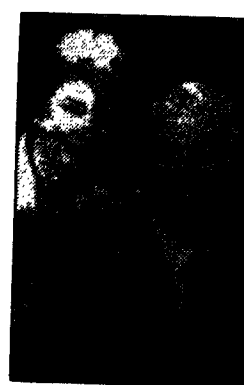
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Annexation plans, new development promise exponential growth in Bay

In the past year, the city of Bay St. Louis has implemented several plans that should go a long way to improving the community.

Beaches around Bay St. Louis got a facelift this year with the "Beach Reclamation Project." Designed to forestall erosion, the project has increased the size of most of the city's beaches.

General elections for Bay St. Louis were held in June. Mayor Eddie Favre won a fifth term in office, marking sixteen years as mayor of Bay St. Louis.

During the election, Favre said he was especially proud of the economic

development the city of Bay St. Louis had undergone in the past year, citing the decrease in unemployment as an example.

"If someone is not working now, it is more by choice than opportunity," he said.

Favre felt the biggest accomplishment of his past term was the national recognition that Bay St. Louis had received, such as hosting the Dixie Girls World Series, and the National League of Cities Directors convention.

Favre feels the most important issues will be the annexation of the Highway 603 business corridor, and the continuation of the city's capital improvement project, which involves majors repair of the drainage and

road systems.

The city's annexation drive, which should effectively triple the size of Bay St. Louis, is still in the works.

The plan would annex the entire Highway 603 corridor from US 90 to just north of I-10. All neighborhoods and land east of 603 would also be incorporated into the county.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

According to Bill Carrigee, building official, developers have expressed interest in several sites around town. A lot between Trapani's Eatery and the abandoned movie theater on Beach Blvd. has received preliminary site approval.

Another piece of land at the foot of Main Street has been purchased by a development firm, which has plans to build at least three stories on top of a parking level. No official action on the project, other than the purchase of the land, which sold for \$725,000, has been taken.

Carrigee said that other sites, such as the Reed Hotel, had also been considered.

FAMILY FUN

Bay St. Louis also hosts

several events each year that have become famous across the Gulf Coast, and even the nation.

The city will be one of the host communities for the annual antique car celebration, "Cruisin' The Coast," in October. During the week, Bay St. Louis will be packed with antique cars of all makes, models and decoration. Live music and other entertainment will also be present.

Other festivities around the Bay include Our Lady of the Gulf's Annual Crab Festival, which will be held July 1-3. The festival will feature seafood, games and amusement park rides for the kids.

A PLACE OF ART

One of the most eagerly anticipated events coming up this year will be the second annual ArtsAlive! Studio Tour planned for the weekend of November 19 and 20, 2005.

"Last year, 54 artists were featured in 24 locations throughout Hancock County. Despite a very rainy Saturday, we had a wonderful turnout," cited Gwen

Impson, President of The Arts. "The studio tour was sponsored by the Sea Coast Echo, the Hancock County Bureau of Tourism and Development and the City of Bay St. Louis. This year, we hope to increase both the number of artists participating and the number of sponsors."

Beth Carriere, Director of Tourism, credits the 16 page, color newspaper supplement published by the Sea Coast Echo as a primary means of publicizing the studio tour. Each participating artist had a photo, bio and description of their studio listed in the supplement.

She said that her staff will be working with the ArtsAlive! committee to increase the range and scope of publicity for the event. To entice visitors to stay overnight, she will be working with area motels and bed and breakfast businesses on special promotion packages.

"There is no other community anywhere on the coast doing anything like this," she said. "The studio tour offers a unique opportunity to visit individual studios, observe work in progress and buy art



Pictured here is Regan Carney, one of the artists participating in last year's ArtsAlive! Studio Tour.

directly from the artist."

The city of Bay St. Louis has been featured prominently on the national art scene in recent years for its

commitment to helping artists succeed; has been named one of the 100 best small art towns in the United States.

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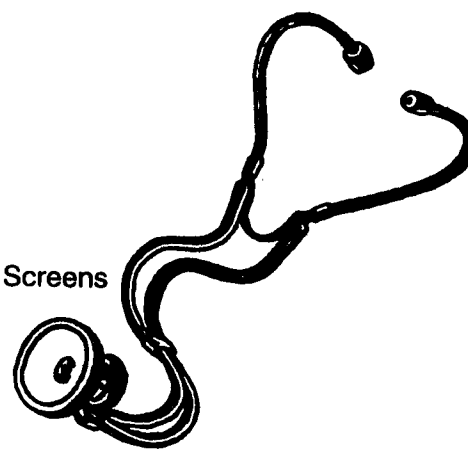
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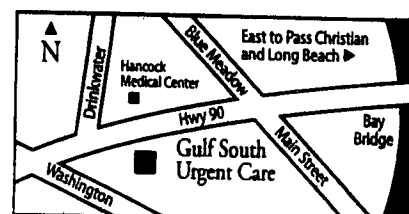
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Diamondhead's growth accelerating

Diamondhead's growth is accelerating, as evidenced by the construction of 197 new homes last year. The current housing inventory is at an all time low due to buyer demand for a safe, clean, and planned community.

This is primarily the result of the growth of Stennis and gaming on the coast. Diamondhead is quickly becoming the residential community of choice for younger families. It is no longer solely the retirement community it may have once been. These changes bring with them both challenges and opportunities.

Several Property Owners' Association (POA) owned lots have been dedicated as permanent "green space" to mitigate trees that have to be removed to protect safety and infrastructure.

The tight control over construction through the Architectural Review Committee provides assurance that the residential nature of our community with first class homes and attractive yards will continue. Covenants restrict the parking of boats and R. V.'s in the community and we provide a storage area for those vehicles away from the residential areas.

Diamondhead has its own fire department to protect the 3,500 homes, a private security force, separate water and sewage plant and a facilities maintenance department to maintain the 88 miles of private



The Diamondhead Community hosts numerous special events each year, such as the Diamondhead Boat Parade. Diamondhead provides a full range of facilities to improve the life style of all of its residences ranging from organized sports activities, bridge clubs, Mardi Gras krewes, theater groups, dance groups, four churches, the country club and yacht club, 36 holes of golf and clay tennis courts that attract major tournaments.

roads that make this a unique com-

munity.

All of these facilities are operated by a Property Owners Association that derives its income from both members' dues and fees for the use of the facilities.

A general manager oversees the day to day operation of the common facilities in conjunction with an unpaid Board of Directors elected from the membership.

The elected officers come up for election every two years and the elected directors serve staggered four year terms to provide continuity to the Board.

The population of Diamondhead is approximately 8,500 people with a budget of approximately \$7 million.

This makes Diamondhead a community very comparable in size and operating budget to Bay St. Louis and Waveland. These comparisons are difficult due to the different natures of the operating budgets in each community.

Shifts in demographics have created a need which the Diamondhead POA is attempting to meet by appointing a full time Youth Director.

She has put together an active summer swimming program including a swim team, planned activities for our young people during the entire year using the community center and twin lakes recreational area as well as a three day summer camp sponsored in part by Diamondhead Property Owners Association.

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Diamondhead also has a yacht basin and an airport where members can live on taxi ways and maintain their own airplanes in private hangars.

Private operators have built numerous recreational facilities including bowling lanes, spas, restaurants and businesses to meet the

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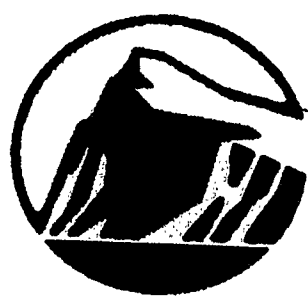
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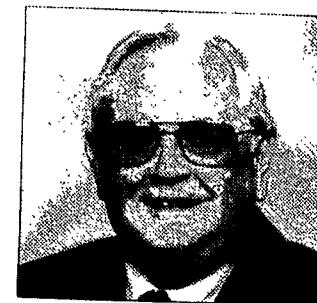


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needs of the residents. A new fitness center has recently been built, and several Diamondhead residents have just purchased the shopping center.

In the past 12 months Diamondhead has re-paved approximately 8 miles of roads, and completed a comprehensive survey of its 88 miles of roads, designed to identify future paving projects. The airport runway was resurfaced as well. A street-light program was initiated to put lights where they are needed in a planned, cost-effective manner.

Two of Diamondhead's four swimming pools were resurfaced, and cabanas and water fountains were added at Tennis World.

The sand bunkers on both of our 18 hole golf courses have been totally rebuilt. Additionally, a decision was made a year ago not to over seed greens and fairways.

This decision, while controversial at the time it was made, has proven to be the right one, and has enabled

our fairways and greens to recover from the deleterious effect of 30 years of over seeding.

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the old sites of Brown's Vineyard and Fort Nicholson.

The city also hosts many festivals and events including a decades old Mardi Gras parade, a St. Patrick's Day parade, and a Christmas parade. Fireworks on the beach are a part of the Christmas celebration and a part of the Labor Day Wavefest celebration.

The city now awaits word on a verdict for a requested annexation that would add

miles of commercial highway property and several residential areas. Waveland remains still the city with the lowest millage of any no-casino entity on the coast. With commitment to up to the minute training for police and firemen, the preservation of quiet, tree lined streets, balanced with new growth and friendly people Waveland, the Hospitality City, is an excellent place to visit or call home.

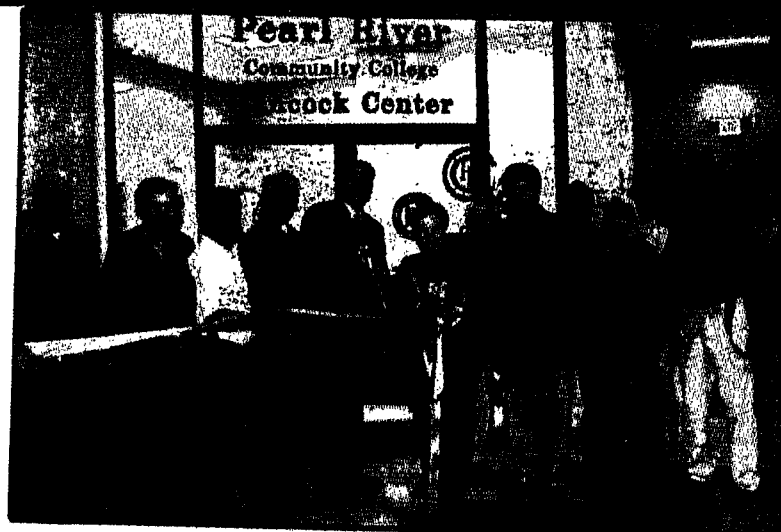
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upgrade. "Patient safety is a top priority, and this is another part of our commitment to improve," he added.

In 2004 HMC's diagnostic imaging department installed a Picture Archival and Communications System (PACS) that provides digital x-ray, ultrasound, CT and MRI images to local physicians, on a CD or over the internet, instead of on film. Whether in the hospital, or at their offices, imaging technology is easily available quickly after a study is complete.

NEW PHYSICIANS

New primary care physicians (and husband-and-wife team) Ron Kellum, M.D. and Bitia Ghaffari, M.D. will open Hancock Family Medicine on Aloha Drive in Diamondhead in early August. Dr. Kellum is a former resident and St. Stanislaus graduate.

Husband-and-wife podiatrists Jeffrey R. Benzing, DPM and Tracy G. Benzing, DPM relocated their practice from Montana a few months ago. Located at 311 Shieldsboro Square in Bay St. Louis, the couple



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offers foot care for children, adults and senior citizens.

Neurologist Michael Pappolla, M.D. is a new member of the HMC consulting staff. His office is located on Beach Boulevard in Gulfport.

The hospital's emergency room is staffed 24 hours by a physician and

support staff of certified trauma professionals. A second physician is on duty during peak times in an ambulatory emergency area. The hospital also participates in a coast-wide trauma network.

The 104-bed acute care facility is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

ACCESSIBLE CARE

The hospital operates three clinics to make medical care convenient in different parts of the county. The Hancock Family Care Center, in the Kiln community, is staffed by a nurse practitioner and registered nurse. The clinic takes walk-ins and is open Monday through Friday for patients of all ages.

In the westernmost part of Hancock County, Hancock Medical Services is located near the entrance to Port Bienville Industrial Park in Pearlinton. Employers on site use the clinic for occupational and medical health needs. Health care is also provided for residents of the surrounding communities of Clermont

Harbor, Lakeshore and Ansley.

The Hancock Multispecialty Clinic in the Diamondhead community provides office space for specialists such as cardiology, vascular surgery, internal medicine and ENT, while Hancock Outpatient Rehab Services at Diamondhead offers a full range of physical, occupational and speech therapy.

The clinic also features aquatic therapy in an indoor swimming pool conducted by a therapist certified by the Arthritis Foundation.

The hospital recently purchased the seven acres and three structures at the Shepherd's Square complex, which is accessed off Aloha Drive next to Diamondhead Supermarket. A free-standing imaging center is planned, as well as additional medical services in the future.

A healthy workforce is the goal of HMC WellnessWorks, an occupational health program focusing on injury prevention and intervention, wellness and health promotions, information/service coordination and provider orientation and training. For additional information, call (228)



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upcoming programs and classes is also posted.

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Although offsite computer users can access the library from the new web site, those without computers can use any of the public access computers located at all four branches of the library system.

The Easy Access Line, 463-0989, provides customers with automated telephone access to their library accounts.

The Easy Access Info Line, 467-5282, extension 13, provides one on one research assistance by highly trained and qualified library staff.

The Authors & Characters @ Your Library program features authors or characters each month. Recent speakers include Gulfport resident and author Terry Miles, nationally acclaimed award-winning author Greg Iles, and bookstore owner and author Sonny Brewer.

The Second Friday Book Club meets the second Friday of each month at the Kiln Public Library to discuss current bestsellers.

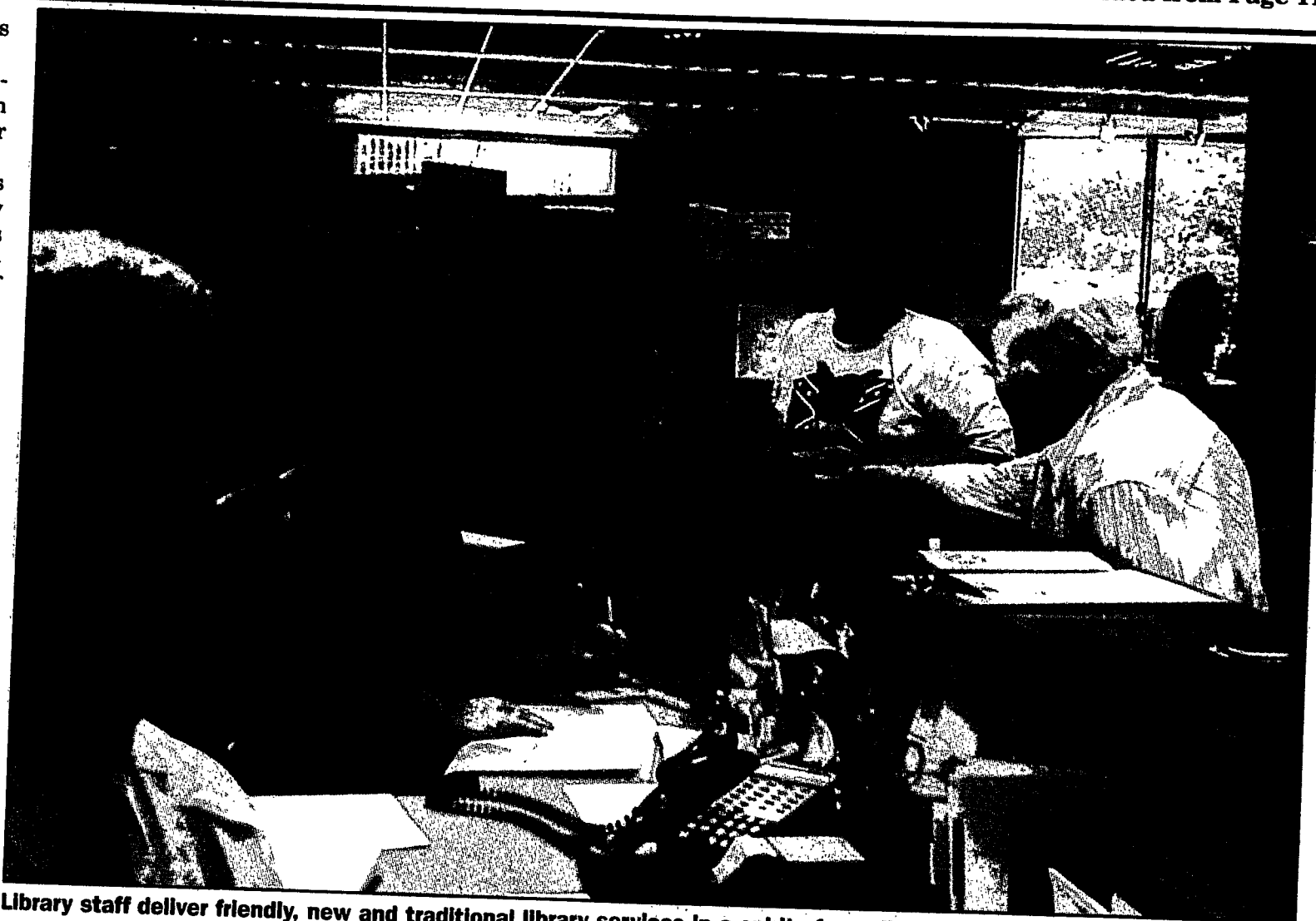
Other services available to Hancock County residents include:

-The Read It on the Road collection provides library customers with fiction and non-fiction books on compact disc to read during commutes and car trips.

-Magnolia, accessed via www.hancocklibraries.info, gives library customers access to tens of thousands of searchable databases of periodicals, journals and articles.

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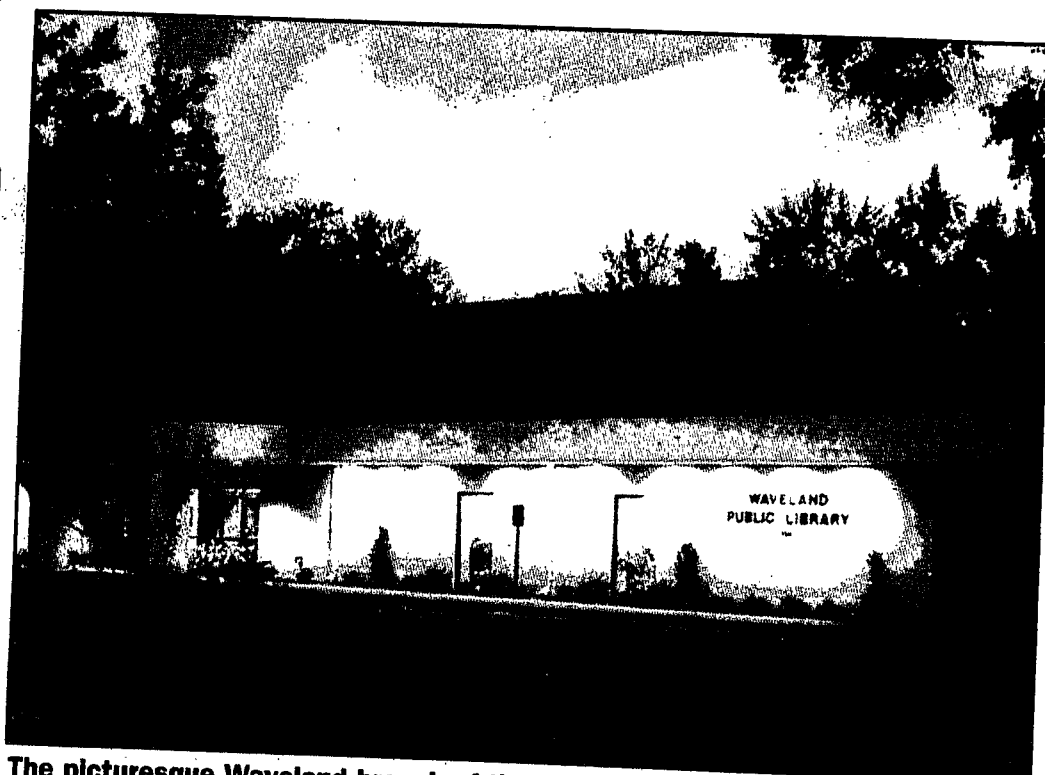
Want to learn more about fraud and identity theft? Or are you interested in protecting your home from vandals?

A Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention meeting to answer these questions and more is set for Thursday, June 30 at 5 p.m. at the Pearlington Public Library.

Andy Greenwood, Hancock County

Sheriff's Department TRIAD Coordinator, will conduct a presentation on how to protect yourself, your neighbors and the elderly from theft, fraud and vandalism.

More information on the program is available by calling Deborah Hill at the Pearlington Public Library at 533-0755 or Jamie Elston at 467-5282.



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7547 Hancock Dr. • Bayside Park
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Longfellow Dr. • Waveland
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Grace Chapel
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Pass Christian • 255-3255

First Baptist
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First Baptist of Delisle
25305 Cuevas Delisle Rd.
Pass Christian • 255-6550

First Baptist
Jeff Davis & St. Joseph
Waveland • 467-7067

First Baptist Church
Franklin & Hancock St.
Pearlington • 533-6030

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467-6497

Macedonia Baptist
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466-4849

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Bay St. Louis • 467-9461

Victory Baptist
Hwy 603 • Kiln • 255-1353

Catahoula Missionary Baptist Church
22140 Hwy. 43 South, Hancock Co.

CATHOLIC

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Kiln-Delisle Rd. • Kiln • 255-1800

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Main Street United Methodist
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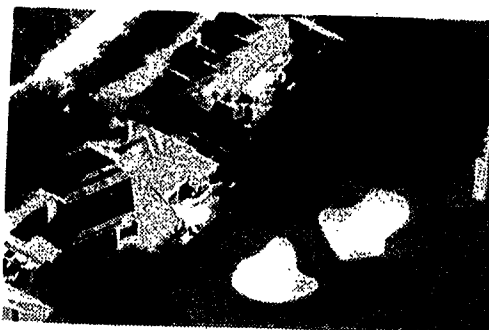
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Fit & Healthy in Hancock County

BY DIANNE MARTIN

Our little piece of Mississippi coastline is the perfect backdrop for gathering with friends and family to partake in a bountiful cornucopia of delicious seafood and even, perhaps, an adult beverage. The only problem is that we feel compelled to enhance the flavor of Neptune's gifts by drenching them in butter, coating them with batter, injecting them with seasonings (salt), and/or dropping them in a cholesterol jacuzzi of oil. Please don't think I'm criticizing, I love this stuff as much as the next guy (or girl in my case). Although clogging the hoses to our body's pump should be enough for some minor concern, let's also consider maybe a greater motivation in our eating equation: *Vanity*. When I was younger, I wanted to grow up to be Princess Leah, not Jabba-da-Butt! So, does this mean I have to banish all foods with any flavor from my diet and condemn my taste buds to a hellish existence as I consume nothing but tofu and pinecones? . . . Absolutely not!

Moderation has become the motto when it comes to my diet. I've cleaned it up, reduced my overall calories, and started doing more push-aways (from the table that is). However, I also have chosen to address the important issue of my health and fitness by increasing my level of physical activity. Let's face it, counting calories is about as much fun as liberating a nose hair. Armed with that insight of knowledge (and disgusting mental image), it's a no-brainer that the "moving more" part of the *eat less and move more* weight loss philosophy is my preference. Hey, the more you move, the more you can eat, and I don't intend to be deprived! Everyone may have different individual goals, but it's time for all of us who want to stay healthy to stop coming up with McReasons for not getting off the couch. Exercise can be fun (really!) and even a little addictive. Fitness is more popular than ever and here on the coast is no exception. The Bay St. Louis/Waveland area has four gyms that are open seven days a week. The doors to these establishments open as early as 5:30 a.m. and remain that way until as late as 10:00 p.m. Joining a health club is an excellent way to reach your fitness goal. Whether that goal is to tone up and erode the years of deposits made to the bank of Wiggly and Giggly, to bulk-up and reach maximum pumpitude, or just to start feeling better



The native cuisine in Hancock County — such as the crawfish above, or the local shrimp or crab dishes — is so tasty, it's sometimes hard to keep tabs on your waistline.

about ourselves, we have a lot of available resources to help us develop a healthier lifestyle.

Loicano's Health and Fitness, located on Main Street, has been serving the girth reduction needs of our area since 1979. J. E. Loicano and his daughter Helene, along with their knowledgeable staff have the experience to tailor a fitness plan designed to meet your personal goals. They will make sure that all your questions are answered and that you are comfortable with your newly designed workout schedule.

Body Rock Fitness and Wellness, located in the Zuppardo shopping center is owned and operated by Ann Heitzmann. The gym is only a few years old and therefore has many modern pieces of exercise equipment. Like Loicano's, Ann will make sure you feel right at home and will work hard to help you develop a fitness plan that you can enjoy and follow with confidence.

Bay City Gym is located on St. John Street. It was opened by Scott Brady in July of 2004 and offers many pieces of state of the art fitness equipment, including a rock climbing wall.

If you're a woman who initially might feel a bit uncomfortable exer-

cising next to members of the opposite sex, then perhaps Curves for Women, located on Highway 90, is the right choice for avoiding all of those unwanted male cooties. Each gym will cater to your own personal needs and individual goals.

Maybe the gym atmosphere and formal-type work-out isn't your cup of tea (unsweetened, of course!). Does this mean you're out of luck and have to live out the rest of your days while disguising your shortcomings under a Moo-Moo and flip-flops? Certainly not! In case you hadn't already noticed, we live on the coastline with miles of beach and boardwalk . . . use it. You can invite a friend to walk with you, and often the four-legged kind are the best. The scenery will be beautiful and the welcoming sea breeze offers encouragement on our hotter days. Not a beach person? Then find the walking track in front of Hancock Medical Center and have a lovely view of Highway 90. Do you enjoy exploring the shops along the

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Food Pantry



A scene from the annual Paws on Parade at Waveland, sponsored by the Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County. The Friends of the Animal Shelter offer several programs to help animals and their owners, including spay and neutering programs. The Friends can be reached at 228-216-PETS.

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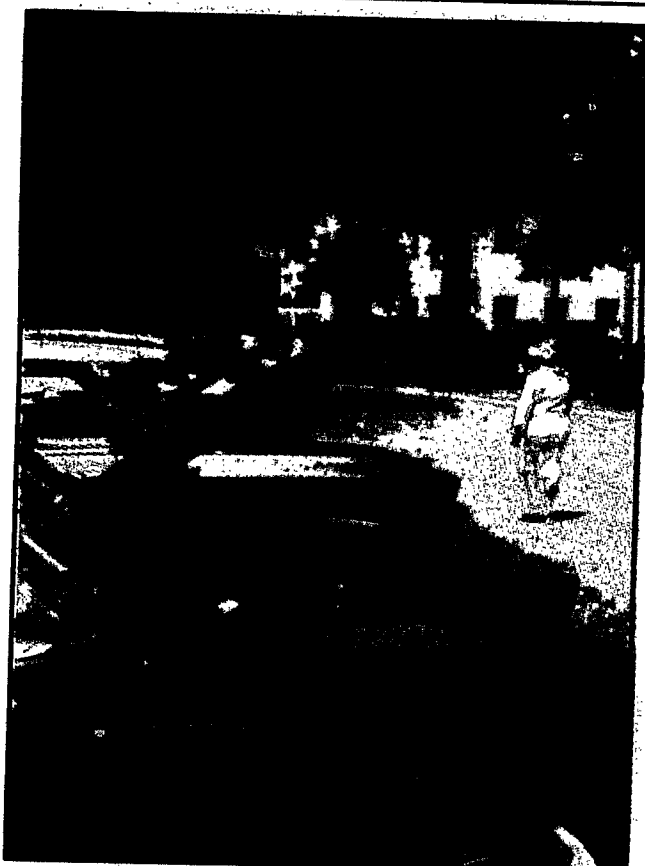
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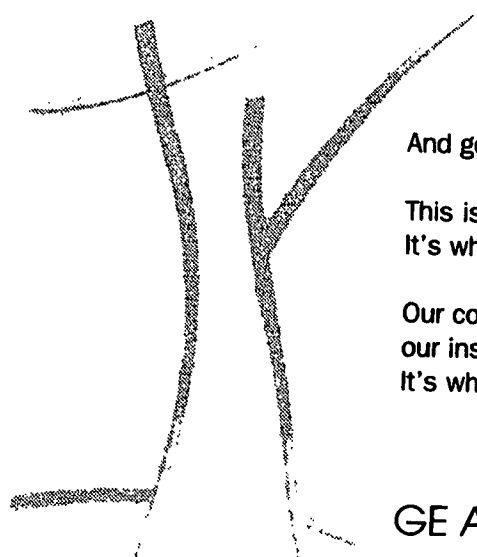
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Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, established in 1847, is the mother church of all Catholic Churches in Hancock County. With over 5,500 registered Parishioners, it is the second largest in the Diocese of Biloxi. It is also the third oldest Catholic Parish on the Gulf Coast and the fifth oldest in Mississippi. The church parishioners welcomes guests throughout to weekly services, programs and special concerts throughout the year.

Fitness

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Bay St. Louis and Waveland coast, then rent a Surrey (Surrey's By the Bay) or jump on your bike.

Since every day our Southern Mississippi palates are tantalized by so many temptations, making careful eating choices should be an important part of anyone's overall health plan. Necessarily, physical activity must also be integral to sustaining and improving our health, and the coast area has many local resources that can facilitate our health goals.

The final decision is ultimately up to us. Adding regular fun and healthy activity can enrich our lives and enhance our enjoyment of residing in such a wonderful area.

Diane Martin is a nurse anesthetist at Hancock Medical Center and her husband Craig works at Mississippi Polymer Technologies. For a complete listing of all health related resources in Hancock County, go on line to: www.hancockchamber.org.

Fishing for flounder at night is one local tradition that helps keep you fit while still putting delicious food on the table.

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